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## AHS Environmental Group Helps Forest Park



STUDENT MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP S.A.V.E. at Agawam High School participated in the "Adopt An Animal" Program at the Forest Park Zoo in Springfield. From left - Angela Gontczaruk, Justin Kratovil, Danielle Bourdeau, and Scott Fleming. SEE STORY IN EDUCATION SECTION.

## Pajer Sells Main St. Site; To Open New Banquet House

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

The Liquor Licensing Commission paved the way for the Pajer family to consolidate their banquet business and their Italian specialty market and deli to a site across the street from Pajer's Superette with a unanimous vote allowing the transfer of Ferruccio's liquor license from 1520 Main Street to the site under development at the corner of Suffield and Cooper Streets.

After a brief discussion, the commission agreed to transfer Ferruccio's full liquor license to the new site with two restrictions: there will be no sit-down bar and the restaurant will be closed at the same time as the market/deli except for small banquet parties.

At a public hearing on Monday afternoon, owner Alfred Pajer explained his plan to construct a new building to house both the family's banquet business and the Italian market/deli in one location to the three-member commission and a handful of interested neighbors.

No one spoke in opposition to Pajer's plan to build a 16,000 square-foot facility that will bring the market/deli owned by Jeremy Pajer and the banquet house managed by Theresa Heckman under one roof.

Pajer said the move was necessary because

their Main Street location housing Ferruccio's for the last seven years has been sold, but he said he was unable to disclose any details of the sale.

Obtaining the permission of the Liquor Commission to transfer the license was the first hurdle Pajer will face in relocating his business interests to a new site. To illustrate his plans for the new facility, Pajer introduced a preliminary rough sketch of the new building at the public hearing. Engineers are presently at work designing a professional site plan to be presented to the Planning Board for their input in determining where access and egress to the site will best fit into the existing traffic pattern, and to determine lighting and landscaping for the site.

"We want to move our store over to the same building for our convenience in having all our business in one place," Pajer said.

The plan includes a section of the building for the market/deli, one large banquet room, and a smaller room to be used for parties of 30 to 40 patrons. Although the plans are still in the design phase and are subject to change, Pajer said the larger banquet room will likely accommodate par-

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## Kozloski Receives Many Kudos For Work On Commission

by Kathy Shepard  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

On alternate Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. at the Agawam Police Station, members of the Conservation Commission meet to consider various proposals and requests from builders and property owners with reference to the Wetlands Protection Act. These meetings are open to the public.

About three years ago, the definition of the Act changed to include not only plants, but also soils, requiring tremendous effort on the parts of commission members to become acquainted with the new regulations. The commission members all have concluded that without Chairman Henry Kozloski, they would not have been able to keep up with the demands of the law and regulation changes.

In 1997, the Rivers Act recently was adopted into the Wetlands Act, also changing a lot of requirements and how to enforce them.

The members have had to become virtual experts in identifying *hydric soils* and plants indigenous to wetlands. Proficiency had to be developed with an *augar*, a sort of scooping tool which extracts soil in layers. Commissioner Fred Harpin, although semi-retired, helped Kozloski with many inspections. Other commission members go to on-site inspections as well.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN Henry Kozloski has received many kudos lately for his fine work on the commission. Kozloski is pictured in front of Town Hall with Deborah Dachos, director of Planning and Community Development. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## PAJER SELLS MAIN STREET PROPERTY - from Page 1...

ties of between 100 and 150 patrons and will generally be used an average of twice a week.

The smaller banquet room will also double as a restaurant area providing patrons of the deli with a place to enjoy their meals with a glass of wine or a beer. The restaurant will be open only during the deli's hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and will feature a menu limited to grinders and ziti dishes, Pajer said.

The plan to serve alcohol in the restaurant/banquet room caused some concern among the commissioners and from a neighbor of the site, but Pajer readily agreed to change his plans for a sit-down bar in the restaurant to a service bar to alleviate the fear that the restaurant could become a neighborhood bar.

## Neighbors Express Concern

James and Caryn Greco, owners of the neighboring Dairy Store, expressed their concern that a sit-down bar could lead to the new facility becoming a neighborhood bar attracting drinkers rather than diners.

"We don't mind the idea of a banquet house and parties where alcohol is served, but we don't want this to be a neighborhood bar with people coming in after work to sit at a bar and drink for

two or three hours in the afternoon," James Greco said.

After being assured by Pajer that he was in the food business, not the bar business, and that he would eliminate the plan to install barstools and rely on table service of alcoholic beverages to the restaurant's patrons, the Grecos said they had no objection to the license transfer and wished Pajer good luck in the enterprise.

Noting that his banquet business is 95 percent food and service oriented, Pajer said he routinely closes down the bar an hour before closing the banquet house to ensure that his customers are not leaving the premises intoxicated. Furthermore, Pajer said his bartenders are quick to stop serving alcohol to patrons who they feel have had enough to drink.

"We just shut people off if we think they've had too much to drink," Pajer said. "But, we're willing to have a service bar and eliminate the bar with stools in the restaurant area."

Construction on the new facility is expected to begin in eight weeks and be complete in early January when the Main Street location closes. Until then, Ferruccio's will continue operations as usual; their last booking date at the Main Street location is scheduled for January 7th, Pajer said.

## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM  
BOARD OF APPEALS

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA, on THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1999 at: 7:00 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of PRIDE CONVENIENCE, INC. who is seeking relief in accordance with Section 180-44, Paragraph H

of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for less than the required parking spaces at the premises identified as: 6 NORTH WESTFIELD STREET.

Doreen Prouty  
Acting Chairperson

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Candidate Bonavita  
Seeks Citizen Input  
On Town Issues

City Council candidate Anthony C. Bonavita asked for the input of the voters as to issues in the City Council campaign.

Bonavita stated, "I do not believe in the Ivory Tower philosophy of politics. I do not believe in shutting voters out or shouting them down. The purpose of government is to serve the people. A councilor must act in a professional manner, always ready to listen to the pulse of the community. Therefore, I intend to meet the voters in many ways to obtain their viewpoints. I need to know what they believe is important and what issues they believe the City Council should address."

Bonavita, an attorney, also serves as vice chairperson of the Zoning Task Force and as a member of the Italian Sister City Commission. He is a past president and present member of the Board of Directors of the Agawam Lions Club.

He further elaborated, "While the campaign has just begun, people have already voiced their opinions to me on a variety of subjects, such as financial responsibility, athletic fields, a new DPW garage, Charter reform, and more funding for education. I intend to analyze issues brought to my attention, always keeping in mind the overall good of the Town of Agawam. My campaign committee members also are asking residents for their input and ideas."

Members of Bonavita's committee are John O'Brien, chairman; Adele Bonavita, treasurer; Raymond Scott, Elaine O'Brien, Mark McCormick, Paul Franco, Edward Kellogg, Ronald Jean, and Marie Kellogg.

Bonavita concluded, "Anyone who has issues they wish to discuss with me or wishes to help in the campaign can contact me at 786-2079. I am not close-minded on any issue and I am available to discuss any issue."

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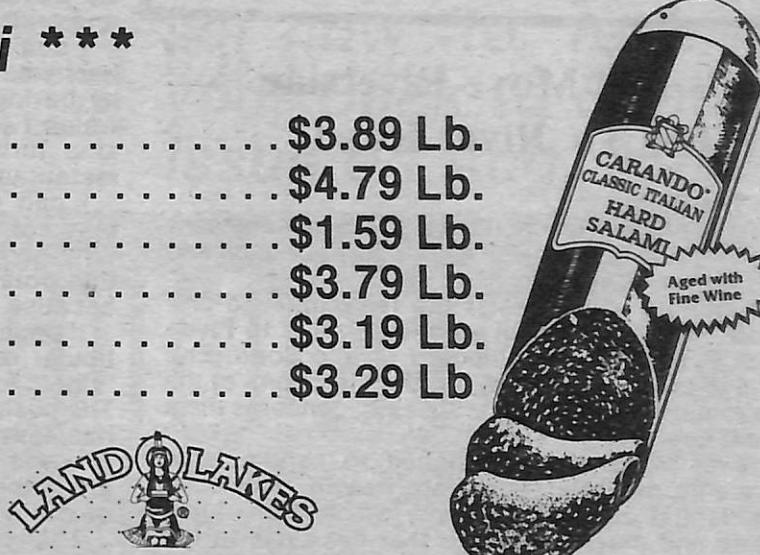
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## Guest Editorial...

## Defending Vote On Smoking Policy

by Michael J. Jawitz, M.D.  
Member, Agawam Board of Health

Perhaps I shouldn't be surprised at the mini-uproar caused by the recent non-smoking vote in the Town of Agawam. After all, smokers and non-smokers both have "rights," and each group claims to be "correct."

Wars have been fought killing millions of men, women, and children for the individual's rights. I guess it's just that exposure to cigarette smoke is so terribly offensive and annoying that we forget some basic tenets of our society.

I do recognize that the author of the *Springfield Union's* articles re: smoking in Agawam's restaurants was obviously pro-ban and nowhere is he required to be objective, "just looking for a story."

I also recognize that the majority of people don't listen to any lengthy discussion on any issue. Certainly not before opening their mouths. Equally certain am I, that this issue is so charged with individual agendas, that common decency, intellectual curiosity, and fairness take a back seat.

The fact that a physician, an ex-smoker, who is staunchly anti-tobacco and pro-health, whose biological mother died from smoking-related medical problems at age 57, cannot jump on a "witch-hunt" without first giving it some thought seems to surprise some people.

I actually think about whom I vote for, too! Cigarettes stink, kill a lot of people, and cause massive suffering for thousands of Americans each year. But so do alcohol and cars, among

other things.

Gee whiz, in fact, so do doctors. I have always imagined myself the philosophical king of Plato's Republic. (Don't know what I'm talking about? Read it.) I always felt that I could tell people where the right path was. Just combine Karl Marx with Ayn Rand, Albert Camus, Mark Twain, H.L. Mencken, and Carl Sagan. Teach via B.F. Skinner. Voila! Society's problems over. In my professional life, I have seen that I might not always know what is best. My patients also don't always know what is best for them. This is less likely true in my politics, however.

I have a very outspoken manner when one-on-one. My beliefs about health and medicine are well-known to my patients. I am not certain that Agawam is ready to give me "Carte Blanche" in banning things I consider unhealthy for mind and body.

Just imagine two members of the Board deciding that driving on Sunday is unhealthy for your mental health. Want to give me the authority and power to prohibit such activity? Or perhaps just "Prohibition" again. Unfortunately, I will not accept such power. I will not tell a restaurant owner how to run his or her business when it comes to this issue. I won't tell you what you can and cannot do, what you can enjoy.

Some of Agawam's residents, writing in *The Advertiser*, apparently think that "financial" considerations are involved. Actually, I don't believe it would make a substantial difference in the financial health of restaurant owners in any case, but I do believe it is their business.

Incidentally, those of you who don't think finances affect health matters have their heads in the sand. Remember the incinerator issue? What about Riverside? And Berkshire Power?

Pharmaceutical companies control your perceptions of health because of finances. What you think is healthy or not is based upon advertising paid for by the big corporations.

Back to the issue.

Other citizens stated my vote reflected an inherent "fear to tread on individual liberties." Someone again missed the boat. I am very comfortable with telling people what to do. I do it for a living! I have always judged others and will continue to do so in the future.

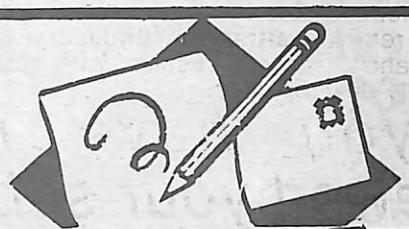
The press has made me out to be a libertarian of sorts. My politics is actually closer to Karl Marx. But why not accept everything we read without asking questions?

Look, let our "democratic" society work out the best solution. As far as the "smoking in restaurant" issue is concerned, let the public decide. Don't smoke? Hate smokers? Tell the owner! They might get the message.

Smoke? Hate non-smokers? Tell the owner, too!

Let the majority rule.

I voted "no total ban" for my reasons, based upon my values, my conscience, my beliefs, not yours! Perhaps we should ban people who disagree with us and not allow them to vote?



## Letters To The Editor

## Let's Not Move Riverside Traffic To River Road

## To The Editor:

I write this as an open letter to the management of Riverside Park as well as our Town Council and the Mayor of Agawam.

I implore you to resist the temptation to promote River Road as an additional route to Riverside Park. The new billboard on the South End Bridge is very attractive, but the directions at the bottom listing the "1st or 3rd exit" concerns me a great deal.

River Road is not designed to handle large amounts of traffic. There are heavily developed residential areas with plenty of children riding bikes and playing in yards that are close to the road. The speed limits are set low for this reason but the Riverside traffic treats this road as a long straight-away for high speed travel.

River Road provides the residents of Agawam with a means of avoiding Main Street when it becomes congested with Riverside traffic. If both roads are promoted as routes to Riverside, there will be no way to avoid the weekend traffic. At least on Main Street there are traffic lights, crosswalks, and breakdown lanes to help deal with the volume of traffic. River Road has none of these.

As the town gears up for an effort to persuade our elected officials in Boston to fund the long anticipated bike path, we have to ask ourselves just how safe the bike path will be if River Road is congested with heavy traffic. Would this be a road we would be comfortable having children ride their bikes along side?

Another local attraction that has shown great discipline in regards to traffic flow is The Big E. They only designate main roadways as routes to their shows. This allows the "locals" to navigate the traffic by using alternate routes that the masses are unaware of.

I ask the management at Riverside to show the same consideration for the local residents and resist the temptation to exploit River Road as an additional route to their park.

Sincerely,  
Todd Peetros  
Agawam

## Board Of Health Made Right Decision On Smoking

## To The Editor:

I would like to commend the Agawam Board of Health for sticking to what they believe to be the right decision in the interest of the people and the business owners.

I do not believe the government should be dictating everything we do. The United States stands for freedom. Keep taking these freedoms away and pretty soon we will be called "Little Russia."

I don't believe in telling these restaurants or bars what to do. The restaurants met us half-way by having a smoking and non-smoking section, which I feel is appropriate. To now push it one step further is infringing on the rights of the restaurant owners.

I can recall they tried making a smoke-free bingo at a particular church and it didn't survive. Why should these restaurants and/or bars face this potential problem of going out of business because of a certain few who just don't like it.

If people do not like the food or service at a particular restaurant, they won't go. You have the "right" to choose whichever restaurant you want. The business owners have the "right" to run their business the way they choose.

Leave these restaurants and bars alone; they are bothering no one. So, from a non-smoker to all of you who just don't like it - STAY HOME!

Thank you, Dr. Jawitz and Mr. Rannenberg for protecting our rights.

Laurie Littlefield  
Feeding Hills



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Kozloski, a recently retired biology teacher at West Springfield High School, is married to Agawam School Committee member Teresa Kozloski. He and Teresa have three grown children.

According to Debbie Dachos, Agawam's director of Planning and Community Development, Kozloski finds time to help out almost constantly. "Some days we leave two or three messages for Henry. He always returns our calls and is in this office several times a week. His position with the commission is voluntary, yet there's no telling how many extra hours he puts in. He makes the Conservation Commission work, putting a tremendous amount of time into this. He has been available weekdays and even weekends."

According to Dachos, who feels that Kozloski should be recognized for his tremendous contributions to the commission, "Only Colette Porter has been on the commission longer than Henry."

The commission is empowered to enforce the Wetlands Protection Act at the local level. This job used to be the responsibility of the old Board of Selectmen system, prior to the Town Manager government. Now, the full commission numbers seven, but due to recent changes, only five people currently serve.

The state has provided training, and Kozloski has taken courses and done what he could to educate himself. The entire commission, for that matter, has become familiar with the use of the Mussell soil color charts and has attended on-site inspections. In a two-week span, most members might contribute three hours at each meeting and another five doing inspections. Kozloski logs another five or six hours to that average.

Gina Rossi-Linderme, an environmental engineer who began serving on the commission in 1997, describes Henry as "One of the most caring individuals I've ever met. He puts up with all of the demands. Without our team effort, we could never accomplish all that is required. Henry is very dedicated; he gets to all the sites, is very thorough, and will fight for what he thinks is right.

"Typically, the state sees the notice-of-intent, but they don't always see the actual site, so clarification is often necessary. Henry takes care of things like that. It is a lot of work, with many dif-

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ferent people and situations," Rossi-Linderme said.

Harbin calls Henry "a super guy." He often accompanies Kozloski to on-site inspections. Harbin continues, "Henry treats everyone fairly. He has been on the commission and knows all the tough new laws, but he knows that many issues are complicated. Just as an example, a stream is considered the same as a river with regard to the regulations, and 70 percent of land available for building affects conservation. Henry cares about the City of Agawam and tries to keep open space from becoming over-developed, but he is always fair to the developers."

## A Dedicated Commission Member

Commissioner Colette Potter agrees that "Henry is exceptional. He is very dedicated and really puts himself out. He tries very hard to be fair to developers while observing the regulations of the Wetlands Protection Act." There are two other Conservation Commission members, Frank Meagher and Jacques Beaulieu.

Dachos has actually been managing three offices in one and relies heavily on Kozloski. "The responsibilities of these offices would not be possible if it weren't for Henry," she contends. When asked to give an example, she recalled, "He walked the corridor of Route 57 three times and identified every wetland along the route and every storm crossing from where it ends, to Mill Street, and all the way to South Westfield Street, before construction of the new section. He is that type of person - very involved."

Kozloski is also committed to the planned Veterans' Cemetery on Main Street, and he actually went into an intense thicket so "foreboding that state officials did not even go in," Dachos remembers, "when that property was being surveyed."

Any economic development activity goes through the Office of Planning and Community Development initially, working with the Mayor's office. There is first a meeting with Dachos and she advises which permits are needed and how much time is anticipated. There can be a team review approach on larger projects or projects that have issues requiring meetings with department heads. Examples might be traffic, police, Department of Public Works (such as adequacy of roads, drainage, meter storage rooms), and Fire Department.

Under the Planning Dept., updating of open

space and recreation is considered, because the state mandates updates every five years. This office also works with a long range Zoning Advisory Task Force, formed by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and Town Council President Donald M. Rheault to recodify Agawam's zoning ordinance.

Dachos also works with Agawam's Historical Commission. She is in the process of hiring a consultant to prepare nomination papers for the Agawam Center Historical District.

Since 1983, when the office opened, it has received over \$1 million in grants. Dachos does not write grants as often now because the median income in Agawam makes Agawam non-competitive with other communities. However, she did assist a nonprofit organization, Donus, Inc., to get a house on Edgewater Road, which is housing four adults (a group home) and to rehab the house to be more handicap accessible.

Also housed in this office are the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board, and the Beautification Committee. This includes 1½ clerical staff people and they provide all the clerical work for the three entities. "In particular, the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board have statutory requirements, so staff has to be cognizant of the requirements of the Zoning Act and the Planning and Subdivision Legislation, plus the local Agawam Zoning Ordinance, and our Subdivision Control Law. We are fortunate to have very knowledgeable staff who keep the Town of Agawam in compliance with state and local laws," Dachos reflects.

Regarding conservation, a few years ago Agawam hired an expert in plant identification to give a Saturday training session so that new members of the commission could augment their knowledge of species indigenous to the wetlands. This was both classroom and in the field. There is consideration of bringing a similar program in for new members of the commission. If this happens, it would probably be open to the public, also.

With many issues constantly being presented to the Conservation Commission, it is fitting to honor and recognize Henry Kozloski, Chairman of the Commission, for his over 11 years of work. His commitment and dedication, along with the rest of the commission, the Planning and Community Development Office, and the Mayor's Office, Agawam remains attractive, imbued with forest and wetlands, yet progressive with respect to community development.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 785-5871.

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## Thumbs Down Given To Opening Up AHS Track For Unsupervised Use

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

The department heads who oversee the use and maintenance of the town's athletic fields and recreational facilities have turned a unanimous thumbs down on the idea of opening the track at the High School for unsupervised use by the public each evening.

But, town residents who want to access the track for walking and jogging can join a local walking club that is already using the track three nights a week under the direction of the Recreation Department.

Citing concerns raised by the Department of Public Works, the Building Maintenance Department, and the Recreation Department over past vandalism of the stadium buildings and the need necessity of preserving the athletic field for use solely for AHS sports and other athletic events, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson sent a memo to Town Council stating that it would be possible, but not advisable to open the High School track from 6:00-9:00 p.m. each evening for joggers.

The Mayor's memo came in response to a question raised at the July 8th Town Council meeting regarding the feasibility of opening the track for use by the public for three hours each night.

"The only way the track could be opened is under the supervision of an employee which would necessitate either the payment of overtime or the retention of a new part-time position," Johnson wrote. "The track area is now open three nights each week under the supervision of a local walking club. If residents are interested in access, they may contact the Recreation Department for information on the walking club."

Also, Johnson said the area contains several buildings with expensive equipment like the stadium lights controls, the press box, and the concession stand which have been the targets of vandalism when the field was left open in the past.

After receiving the Mayor's response, as well as back-up information from the department heads, Council President Donald M. Rheault said he was

completely satisfied with the reasons given for not opening the track area for unsupervised use and that he was pleased to learn that the public already has the opportunity to use the facility three nights a week.

"I totally understand where they are coming from on this," Rheault said. "I was unaware that the track area was open three nights a week, but if someone wants to utilize the facility, that would be the time to go."

Parks & Recreation Director Chris Sparks informed the Mayor that the DPW, the Building Maintenance Department, and AHS Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney all agreed that unsupervised use of the track is not recommended.

"Once made available for unsupervised use, the stadium field will be used for pick-up football games, soccer, lacrosse, golfers, etc.," Sparks said. "Also, due to the newly-added lacrosse season, which runs through June, the summer is the only time for this field to get rejuvenated for our fall sports."

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Sparks said the Recreation Department currently opens the track for a walking club on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent John P. Stone said the DPW is concerned about the potential for damage and abuse to the playing field if the track were to be opened for unsupervised use. He pointed out that the summer is the only opportunity for reseeding and allowing the grass to recover from the heavy use from school activities.

"In the past, when uncontrolled access was allowed, the stadium field suffered damage from golfers and stress from other continued use," Stone noted.

In addition to pointing out that the public has access to nearly every other athletic field in town, Building Maintenance Director Anthony Albro said his department tries to keep people off the field in order to maintain the quality of the area for use by AHS varsity teams.

## Veterans' Corner...

by Ruth C. Bitzas  
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237  
"You Got Mail!"

I'm now getting e-mail here in the office at Vets @Agawam.ma.us. A lot of interesting information is being sent to agents across the state from the Dept. of Veterans' Services in Boston.

Mr. Walter Pero is the Deputy Commissioner and has been keeping us up to date on the happenings in the federal government in D.C., the state, and information of interest received from various agents.

The following was received via e-mail from Walter Pero (DVS) last week. I felt you would enjoy this encouraging letter to our troops in Kosovo:

**TASK FORCE HAWK, Albania, June 2 (AFP)**  
The battle-hardened U.S. Army troops here in rural Albania may be tough enough to take on Slobodan Milosevic, but a letter from a Tennessee 10 year-old has brought hundreds of them to tears.

Addressed "Dear Soldier" and written in a schoolgirl scrawl, the fifth-grader's letter describes how her 14 year-old sister collapsed on a basketball court and died in January from a hereditary brain condition.

"She was going up for a lay-up and she said she could not see, and she went down and she died that minute," wrote Kayla from Pleasant View, Tennessee, whose last name is being withheld at the request of the soldiers.

"I have the same thing ... I cannot play sports

ever again," she said. "If you ever think you are not going to make it, well don't feel that way because God will help you through if you believe in God. It is pretty cool that we have people like you in our world," she said. "If I never see you in person, I hope to see you in heaven."

The heartbreaking letter is being eagerly passed from tent to tent among soldiers still stunned after two Army helicopter pilots died here last month in a training-mission crash.

"We get letters from kids all the time and the kids usually say some funny things, but this was something else," said Captain Mark Arden, a 29 year-old pilot from Washington, D.C. "It just shows that any of us complaining out here, saying, 'It's hot, I'm sweating, I live in a tent,' well, we really should be grateful," he said.

Arden said fellow troops at Task Force Hawk, assisting the NATO air campaign against Yugoslavia, were sending the girl letters and flowers to show their gratitude for her inspiration and courage.

"This kid's trying to be there for us," he said, adding that the dangers troops might face in battle against Serb forces were easier to cope with than Kayla's plight.

"She has the challenge of a hereditary disease," Arden said. "We volunteered for this."

## Regular Council Meeting Agenda

Monday, August 2nd, 7:30 P.M.  
Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St.

1. Citizen's Speak Time.
2. Roll Call.
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 7/6/99.
5. Declaration from Council President.
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances

(a) Resolutions  
1. TR-99-21 - A Resolution Authorizing the Posting of the Warrant for the Town Preliminary Election of October 5, 1999 and the Town Election of November 2, 1999 by the Board of Registrars (Mayor).

2. TR-99-22 - A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Andrew C. Campbell, 30 Barry St., F.H., MA 01030 to the Agawam Municipal Golf Commission to Fill an Unexpired Term Expiring on December 31, 2000 (Mayor).

3. TR-99-23 - A Resolution Petitioning the Mass. Highway Dptmt. to Appropriately the State's Share of the Funding for the Aga. Portion of the Connecticut River Walk and Bikeway and to Take all Necessary Steps to Commence Construction (Pres. Rheault).

4. TR-99-24 - A Resolution Requesting the Filing of Special Legislation to Grant the Springfield Turnverein a Full All Alcoholic Liquor License (Submitted by the Liquor Licensing Commission & the Office of the Mayor).

5. TR-99-25 - A Resolution Honoring the 1999 Agawam Senior Games Athletes (Coun. Thompson).

7. Report of Council Committees  
Comm. on Rules - Coun. Young.  
Comm. on Ordinances - Coun. Bitzas.  
Comm. on Utilities - Coun. Caba.  
Comm. on Licenses - Coun. Negrucci.  
Comm. on St. Acceptance - Coun. Thompson.

### 8. Elections

None.  
9. Public Hearings  
None.

### 10. Old Business

(a)  
1. TOR-99-4 - An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 173, Art. XI Entitled "Backflow and Cross-Connection Regulations" of the Code of the Town of Agawam (DPW) (2nd Reading).

2. TO-99-1 - Total Review of Council Rules and Regulations (Pres. Rheault) (Ref. to Rules & Reg. Comm. on 1/19/99) (Tabled on 2/1/99 - Left on table until 5/17/99 mtg. - Left on table 5/17/99 - Left on table 6/7/99 'til 8/2/99 mtg.).

3. TO-99-28 - Dealers in Violation of Class I & II Licenses (Coun. Negrucci).

4. TO-99-36 - Transfer - \$15,300.00 from Reserve Fund (16605-57300) to Line Item - Professional Services (16602-52190) (Mayor).

5. TO-99-37 - Transfer - \$72,200.00 from Salary Reserve (16609-57350) to Fire-Salaries (\$66,000-12209-51010); Fire-Overtime (\$2,600-12209-51030); and Fire-Holidays (\$3,600-12209-51050) (Mayor).

## LEGAL NOTICE

## LEGAL NOTICE

### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA, on THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1999 at: 6:50 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of PRIDE CONVENIENCE, INC. who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-44, Paragraph H of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for a "Drive-thru" for a Subway Restaurant at the premises identified as: 6 NORTH WESTFIELD STREET.

Doreen Prouty  
Acting Chairperson

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## — Agawam Obituaries —

### Leo A. Dupuis

Leo A. Dupuis, 77, of 69 Kensington St., Feeding Hills, died recently at home. He was an engineer for Kaman Aerospace Corp. of Bloomfield, Connecticut for 30 years.

He worked later for Coombs-Gates for five years and retired in 1983. Born in Morrisville, Vermont, he moved to West Springfield in 1951 and here in 1975. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He was a member of the West Springfield Coin Club and the Springfield Kennel Club since 1962. He gave demonstrations with therapy dogs at area nursing homes.

He leaves his wife, the former Jeannette T. Vachon; two sons, George A. and Paul R., both of Agawam; three daughters, Rosemarie T. Hegedus and Jeanne G. Shopey, both of West Springfield, and Joanne C. Cosgrove of Westfield; a sister, Annette Gavlick of Tampa, Florida; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

### June L. Thomas

June L. (Erickson) Thomas, 79, of Philadelphia, died in Agawam recently. Born in Pittsburgh, she was schooled in Maryland and lived in Philadelphia before moving here in 1997.

She was a member of St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Abington, PA. Her husband, Gordon Erickson, died in 1980.

She leaves two daughters, Melissa Rigler of Fullerton, California, and Melinda S. Thomas of Holyoke; and three grandchildren.

The memorial service will be at St. Anne's Church next month. Messier Funeral Home of Holyoke is in charge.

### Bertha A. Kane

Bertha A. (Cesan) Kane, 82, of 148 South Westfield St., died recently at a local nursing

home. She was a secretary for the Hampden County Extension Service for 14 years and retired in 1977.

Born in Feeding Hills, she lived in Agawam all her life. She was a graduate of Agawam High School and a member of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church and the Feeding Hills Women's Club.

She leaves her husband of 64 years, Hollis F. Kane; five sons, Alan of North Carolina, James of West Suffield, Robert of Feeding Hills, Norman of Westfield, and Richard of San Francisco; a brother, Harry Cesan of New Smyrna Beach, Florida; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in West Suffield Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104.

### Jane C. Hreschuk

Jane C. (Smietana) Hreschuk, 77, of 68 Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, died recently at her daughter's home in Feeding Hills.

Born and schooled in Chicopee, she lived in Springfield most of her life and moved here seven years ago. She worked at the former Sickles Electronics and former Geralds Electronics, both in Chicopee.

She was a member of the Golden Agers (Chapter 2) in Agawam. She was predeceased by her husband, Michael, in 1990 and a son, Paul, in 1976.

She leaves a sister, Deborah Ward, of Feeding Hills; one brother, Richard Oliminski, of Springfield; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at Sacred Heart Church in Springfield. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church's renovation fund, 395 Chestnut St., Springfield, 01104.



ROSEMARY SANDLIN

### Rosemary Sandlin Named To MASC Legislative Committee

Rosemary Sandlin, a member of the Agawam School Committee, has been reappointed to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) Legislative Committee and Collective Bargaining Task Force.

Members of the Legislative Committee review and recommend positions on proposed legislation relating to school committees to the Association's Board of Directors.

Members of the Collective Bargaining Task Force study issues relating to collective bargaining and suggest legislation, when appropriate, to the Association's Board of Directors.

A four-year member of the school committee, Ms. Sandlin has served as its vice chair and secretary. She is currently on the MASC Board of Directors serving as secretary-treasurer.

MASC is a statewide not-for-profit association of local, regional, and vocational-technical school committees dedicated to serving the needs of local school districts. The mission of the Association is to ensure excellence in school committee leadership through advocacy, training, and service.

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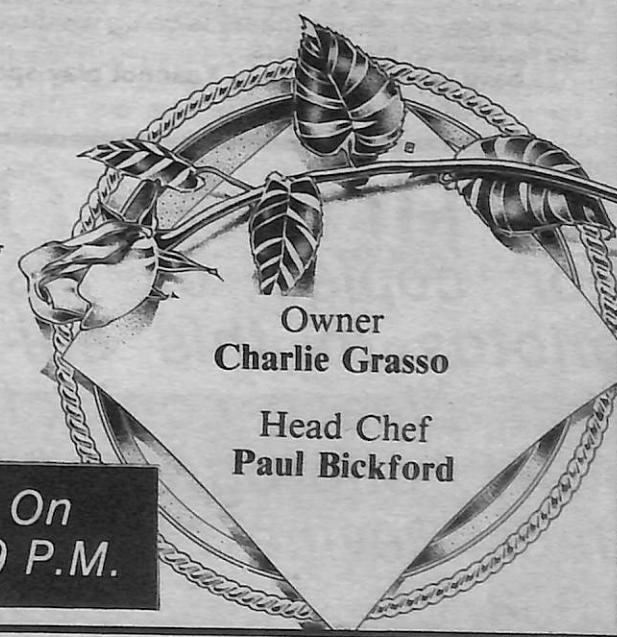
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## Rheault Puts Brakes On Legal Fees To Fight Power Plant

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

With legal expenses already more than 2.5 times over the original estimates, Town Council President Donald M. Rheault put the brakes on spending any more money to fight Berkshire Power. The legal money was used on the power plant's appeal of the council's denial of an application to store oil as a back-up fuel at the plant which is nearing completion on Moylan Lane.

Originally slated to become operational over Labor Day Weekend, the plant is now expected to go on-line just days before Christmas. But this is still within the four month window of opportunity for the plant to reach the "substantial completion" date required by Berkshire's financing, according to the Berkshire representatives during a Town Council tour of the plant four weeks ago.

Rheault told us that any delays at the plant are not as a result of the action taken by Town Council when denying the oil storage permit because the plant does not need oil as a fuel source.

"To me, this is not as big a deal as everyone's making it out to be," Rheault said. "They're building gas-fired plants that don't have oil as a back-up right now and they don't need oil to function."

In a letter sent to Attorney Michael J. Coyne of the Springfield law firm Bacon & Wilson, Rheault states that effective immediately, his pre-approval will be needed for any further expense regarding the case.

With a decision in Berkshire Power's appeal to the State Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) expected late next month, Rheault complimented Coyne and his associates for having done an "admirable job" representing the council's position at the evidentiary hearings held in Boston in April.

"At our original discussion in executive session, we discussed fees and I believe you stated approximately \$9,000 would be adequate for limited intervention. We also had a discussion, if you recall, about the limited amount of resources municipalities have and the need to keep expenses low, which you were aware of and seemed comfortable with."

"To this date we are approaching approximately \$24,000 paid to your firm, which obviously have exceeded the original estimates," Rheault stated in the letter.

As president of the council, Rheault said he took the initiative in informing the law firm to hold off on accruing any more expenses without his prior approval.

The full council will ultimately make the decision whether or not to appeal the Supreme Court in the event that the EFSB rules in favor of granting Berkshire Power's request for an override of the council's 8-3 vote that denied them the ability to store a half million gallons of fuel oil at the plant. But, Rheault said he doesn't see any point in piling up more legal bills while the EFSB decision is pending.

### Outcome Fairly Evident

While not wishing to appear to have given up hope of an EFSB decision upholding the council's vote, Rheault believes that the outcome seems to be fairly evident. Given the length of time it is taking the state agency to make a ruling that he feels should not be taking over three months, Rheault believes that the EFSB is waiting for the time to tick by before announcing their decision closer to the plant going operational.

Also, Rheault points out that the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, the state agency that is home to the EFSB, has been willing to overturn local boards on a couple of occasions in the past.

"The only way to change that is to change the law," Rheault said.

Vowing to resurrect a stalled council initiative seeking a legislative solution to the loss of local control over zoning and licensing issues, Rheault said working cooperatively with the council to lobby for a change in state law will be one of his priorities if he is successful in his mayoral campaign.

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For copies of his photos in this edition, please contact AAN photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053.

## FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano  
**Beware — Your Home May  
Be In The Line Of Fire!**

As more of us choose to live away from urban areas and build homes on forested land, wildfires become an increasing threat each year. The Agawam Fire Department suggests these precautions to protect your home:

- The House
    - Use only fire-resistant materials on the exterior.
    - Screening material should be used in eaves, vents, and beneath porches to protect the interior from sparks.
    - Chimneys should extend above the roof line and topped with a half-inch mesh spark arrester.
  - Home Care
    - If possible, build on a flat area instead of a slope.
    - Keep roof and gutters free of leaves, pine straw, moss, etc.
    - Dispose of ashes from grills, stoves, and fireplaces by placing them in a metal container, soaking with water and burying them.
    - Flammable materials like firewood or lumber should be stored at least 100 feet from the house.
- For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

— ADVERTISER NEWS —

## Fundraiser/Reception Planned by Thompson For Mayor Committee

The Thompson for Mayor Committee announces that it will host a fundraiser/reception for Nancy E. Thompson, candidate for Mayor of Agawam.

This reception will be held on Friday, August 20th beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Oaks Banquet House on Suffield Street in Agawam. Tickets are priced at \$20 each.

Nancy E. Thompson has served as an Agawam City Councilor since 1992. She was elected Council President in 1995 and 1996. Councilor Thompson will share her vision for Agawam, issues she will address, and action plans that she will implement as the next Mayor of Agawam.

Anyone interested in purchasing tickets may do so by mailing a check to: Thompson Committee, 19A Mansion Woods, Agawam, MA 01001-2364.

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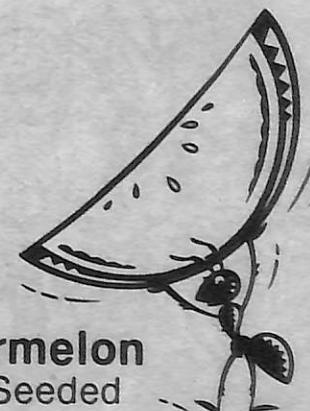
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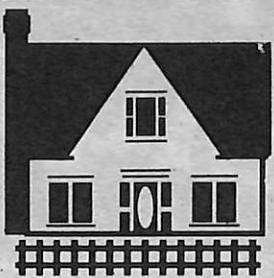
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## Jack Shaughnessy Continues To Thrive In Sunny Myrtle Beach

by Kathy Shepard  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Jack Shaughnessy's face can be seen each week in *The Agawam Advertiser News*, offering his and Century 21's help in finding a permanent or vacation home in the Myrtle Beach area of South Carolina. Jack probably realizes that the area in which he now lives is the perfect baum for the Northeast, several degrees warmer on the average, quite a bit sunnier, and minus the mugginess of Florida and some other warmer states.

Jack reports that he gets many calls from the advertisement in *The AAN* from people living in Agawam as well as surrounding towns, like Longmeadow and Springfield. "They'll say that they saw my name in the Advertiser," he said.

Jack lived in Agawam for many years, participating in town politics at several levels. Jack was a Town Meeting member for two years, served on the Board of Appeals for seven years, was on the Town Council for six years, and was County Charter Commissioner for one year.

When it was time for a change, he and his wife, Linda, began looking for a new place to live. Little River in South Carolina, about half an hour from the North Carolina border, has a climate that suited both of them. "Four seasons with the absence of snow," he explains. When pressed on the snow issue, he admits that it might snow "once very 15 years."

#### Climate The Main Attraction

For the Shaughnessys, the climate was, and still is, the main attraction in this area of the country. Myrtle Beach, about 20 minutes south of Little River, publicizes weather details regularly through the Chamber of Commerce: "250 days of sunshine on average per year; 60 miles of coastline; water temperature over 80 degrees in May; average daily temperature, 70-plus."

Most people who have seen the 60-mile coastline understand why it is called "The Grand Strand." Jack recalls, "We loved the layout of the place as well as the climate. We had been looking for years for a second home, and when a friend suggested the Myrtle Beach area, we visited and decided this was right for us."

While in Agawam, Jack was working at Holyoke Card and Paper Company in Springfield, a paper-converting plant. "We'd reached a point where all projects were complete, so it was a good time to leave, because I would not be leaving anyone 'in the lurch.' Our son had finished college, was engaged, and the real estate market was strong (1989).

"We purchased our home, which was built for us, and Linda came down while I hired and trained my replacement. Ours was the 10th house in our subdivision, and we moved in four days before Hurricane Hugo. We stayed in our house, and though we are less than a half-mile from the ocean, there was no damage to our property. That storm took down 1,000 trees and many houses. We live in River Hills Golf and Country Club, and there are now 400 houses in the subdivision."

Jack decided to go into real estate so he attended real estate school and was sponsored by the company from which he had purchased his home - Century 21 Boling and Associates, where he continues to work. In addition to sales, he helps owners who want to rent their homes, matching them with people who have sought information from the Agawam/Western Massachusetts area.

When the Shaughnessys moved to Little River in 1989, there were 750 people. There's now 5,000 (in 10 years)! In the past two years, Horry County (pronounced "orry") has built nine new schools and will have to build seven more, he told us. The county is about 60 miles by 40 miles. Today, there are 175,000 residents of the county; it is the second fastest growing county in the United States!

"Our property taxes are \$400 a year," Jack tells us. "When we moved here, the area was about 25 years behind the Springfield area in services like trash removal and recycling. As these services expand, things will slowly have to change, but the

value of property here is just skyrocketing."

"Our heating and cooling costs have never exceeded \$1,000 in a year; we have hydroelectric power, an inexpensive power source," he states. "This is the golf kingdom - the weather is wonderful almost all year, and even New England can be reached within a day. Atlanta is a day trip. And right here in this area, there are hundreds of entertaining and educational facilities, wildlife sanctuaries, aquariums, riverboat rides, sunset cruises, and just infinite activities to choose from.

way affords the chance to own a boat and travel all over," Jack noted.

In the area of environmental awareness, Myrtle Beach provides the knowledge and expertise of the Center for Marine and Wetland Studies at Coastal Carolina University in nearby Conway. This is a unique facility and has contributed significantly to a high level of competency regarding ocean water and soil testing and wetland delineation. Bacteria and chemical pollutants are monitored regularly and are not a problem except after runoffs from streets after storms. When levels exceed established limits, the public is notified immediately.

Myrtle Beach area beaches have been widened through a renourishment project which pumped almost five million cubic yards of new sand onto the shores. This enhancement plan was conducted by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers with federal, state, and local funding in cooperation with municipalities of the Myrtle Beach area and a national dredging company, Jack said.

#### "Broadway At The Beach"

Exceptionally unique, Broadway at the Beach, a huge complex of boardwalks, bridges, stores, and restaurants, entertains visitors with attractions such as Ripley's Aquarium, where sharks swim over tourists' heads in a circular viewing tunnel, and Myrtle Waves Water Park. There are dozens of water sports and activities up and down the strand, including the opportunity to explore the saltwater marsh by boat at the nearby Murrells Inlet.

Shaughnessy served on the board of directors of River Hills Homeowners Association for six years, but he now devotes most of his time to real estate, especially commercial ventures such as hotels and motels, working with buyer or seller. He was recently involved in a large transaction on Interstate 95, a motel service center and restaurant complex encompassing seven acres. He has been working also on a 25-acre deal on 95 in North Carolina; he is licensed in both North and South Carolina.

Everyone owes themselves at least one visit to Myrtle Beach - but, beware, for many people find it difficult to leave. There are some who cannot think of anywhere they would rather live ... and when that happens, Jack is the one to call.

Shaughnessy appreciated the land value, too, and foresaw the buying boom that has been culminating for several years. The same two-bedroom home that last year cost \$89,000 is now selling for \$129,000. For many years, property costs were inexplicably low for a place with so much to offer. Myrtle Beach is commonly called "The Golf Kingdom," but people are surprised when they arrive to discover its many other attractions.

Jack describes the population as "diverse." There are people living here from all over the world," he observes.

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**Tuesday, August 3rd:** "Birthday celebration" — liver and onions, baked potato, stewed tomatoes, rye bread, birthday cake.

**Wednesday, August 4th:** Baked chicken leg, cheese-baked potato, spinach, mini wheat roll, chocolate pudding.

**Thursday, August 5th:** Cream of broccoli soup, ham salad, potato salad, Jello and fruit.

**Friday, August 6th:** Baked fish, harvest vegetables/rice, cole slaw, oat bread, pear.

## Agawam Golden Age Club's Chap. 2 Aug. Calendar Of Events

**Wed., August 4th:** Regular meeting, 1:30 p.m., Senior Center. Entertainment - Spfld. Chordsmen Barber Shop Quartet.

**Wed., August 11th:** Bus trip to Mountainside Resort, Wallingford, CT.

**Wed., August 18th:** Annual picnic at V.F.W. Pavilion at 12:00 noon. Each member is reminded to bring a new, unwrapped gift for the raffle table.

**Wed., August 25th:** Bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino.

**Fri., August 27th:** Board of Directors' Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Senior Center.

Senior citizens living in Agawam are invited to join Golden Age Club, Chapter 2.

## Celebrating 100 Years Of Life...



**HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**, from left - Kathryn Seuss, Louise Zwiese, and Virginia Stathis recently celebrated their 100th birthdays during festivities held in their honor. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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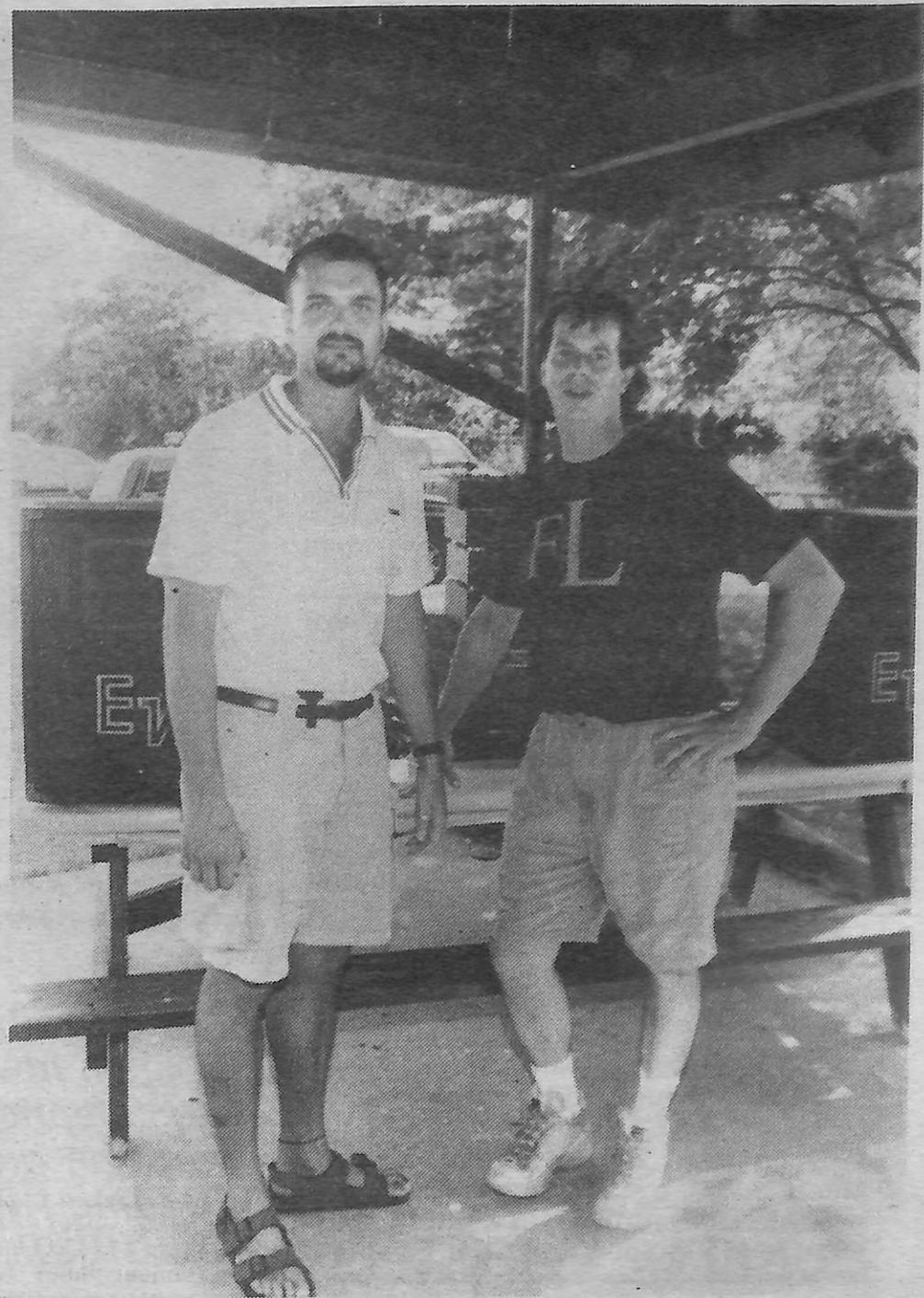
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## **Supporters Gather For Annual Ziegert Picnic**



JOAN ECKERT, DONNA BRIGNOLI, AND BARBARA VIENS were on the serving line at the Annual Lisa Ziegert Picnic held at the Agawam VFW. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**ED BORGATTI, JR.**, one of the organizers for the Annual Lisa Ziergert Picnic held at the Agawam VFW on South Street, chats with his brother-in-law, Doug Reed, who served as disc jockey for the event. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## **Senior Employment Bulletin Board On Display At Senior Ctr.**

A new Senior Employment Bulletin Board is on display at the Agawam Senior Center.

The Board is in response to the growing number of older citizens who are returning to the workforce and the number of employers who are seeking elders to fill full- and part-time positions.

Employers interested in posting positions should send them to the Agawam Senior Center, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001, or fax them to 789-4092.

For more information, call 786-0400, ext. 242.

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**THE MASSOIA KIDS - Marysa, Angelina, and Anthony are about to enjoy their lunch at the Lisa Ziegert Picnic held at the Agawam VFW.**

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## Agawam Resident Begins Pioneer Valley Women's Walking & Hiking Group

When local resident Sandy Fountaine left for summer vacation, she never knew how much it would eventually improve the quality of life for area women. Fountaine has formed a Women's Walking and Hiking Group in the Pioneer Valley, and more area women are hitting the trails now as a result.

At last count, there were over 30 women who requested Fountaine's fall and spring mailings listing Saturday afternoon hikes every other week through most months of the year.

Fountaine said the idea came to her after her 1997 mountain hiking trip in Acadia, Maine. It was her first hiking experience. She had fun, but Fountaine said that mountain climbing is difficult. It can also be dangerous for a beginner who goes out unprepared, or who ventures out alone.

Fountaine did her homework. After talking with friends, reading, locating good maps, investing in a good pair of hiking boots, a water bottle, and some other small items, she was ready to help others enjoy the woods, waterfalls, fields, and mountains of Western Massachusetts and Connecticut in a special, new way.

When Fountaine discovered that others were interested in her ideas, she got serious about forming the group just for women because many women hike with a unique set of objectives.

Their objectives include taking the time to really enjoy nature while still getting a good workout. The goal is to purposely slow down long enough to enjoy it all. It is not to try to go as fast, as far, and as high as a person can to win a race, or to conquer the greatest distance or the highest mountain.

Fountaine said that her goal is to take it all in and savor the experience. The sights, smells, and shared thoughts that come out of the experience enrich all who participate on these bi-weekly adventures.

Fountaine said she discovered that many women prefer to hike the easy-to-moderate trails at a comfortable pace. Using maps, reference books, personal experience and knowledge, she encourages others to assist with researching, planning, and/or leading hikes.



LOCAL TREE HUGGERS, from left - Claire Carocci, Sandy Fountaine, and Sallie Baldwin.

Planning meetings are held every six months. One hike is set up for every-other Saturday afternoon for the following six months and group members are sent this information in a one-page notice.

Some women hike every time. Some are more selective, due to other commitments, and come when and if they can. The great thing is that there is always another hike planned, there is always a group to go with, and women can plan accordingly.

Fountaine said that if a woman wants to go on a hike, all she needs to do is to call her at least one hour before departure time. Fountaine will wait for each hiker to arrive.

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SANDY FOUNTAINE loves the outdoors and has begun a walking and hiking group for women.

There is safety in numbers, the cost is minimal, there is a carpool on the longer trips, and sometimes there are side trips involved, if everyone agrees. One side trip was to a country store for ice cream. Some even purchased special gift items for family members' birthdays there.

Fountaine refused to be limited by steep up-hill climbs. She had a great idea, took the initiative, learned all about it, and worked hard to organize the Walking and Hiking Group for Women here in the Pioneer Valley. To join, or for information on how to start your own group, call 786-3390.

## Storroron Village Seeking Volunteers For The Big E

Eastern States Exposition's Storroron Village Museum is extending an invitation to all volunteers who are interested in discovering the rich heritage of New England and sharing that knowledge with others.

Both adult and teenage staffers are needed to conduct guided tours of the Village's historic buildings during this year's 78th Big E, September 17th-October 3rd. Volunteers are also needed to work in the Village Gift Shop during the fair.

Dressed in Early American costumes, Village volunteers will give fairgoers a glimpse of New England's past while interpreting the roles of 19th century New Englanders. Volunteers will gain a wealth of knowledge about 19th century crafts, food, and daily life while participating in the excitement of The Big E.

Training sessions for prospective volunteers takes place on Aug. 25th, Sept. 1st, and Sept. 8th.

All volunteers will receive free Big E admission and parking during workdays as well as a 25-percent discount on items purchased at the Storroron Village Gift Shop. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to attend the staff field trip, picnic, and the annual Big E staff party. A recognition luncheon will be held for those who have donated more than 75 hours of service per year.

Volunteers have found the friendships they made with people who shared a common interest the most memorable part of their Village experience.

Storroron Village Museum is located on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

For more information on this opportunity, contact Storroron Village Museum at (413) 787-0136 weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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## Agawam Rotary Club Names New Officers



THE AGAWAM ROTARY CLUB, WHICH MEETS WEEKLY AT Storrowton Tavern in West Springfield, recently named its officers for the 1999-2000 club year. From left - Charles Heyl, past president; Donald Morris, president; Linda Northup Vitro, president-elect; and John Walsh, vice-president. IN PHOTO RIGHT, PAST PRESIDENT CHARLES HEYL turns over the gavel to President Donald Morris. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Agawam Golden Age Club's Chap. 1 Aug. Calendar Of Events

Wed., August 4th: A "Special Mystery Day Trip"

Fri., August 6th: Board of Directors' Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Senior Center

Wed., August 11th: Regular meeting at the Senior Center, 1:30 p.m., afternoon of fun & humor w/comedian Paul Entree.

Thurs., August 19th: A Day Trip to the Saratoga Races.

Wed., August 25th: Regular meeting at the Senior Center, 1:30 p.m., Gift Bingo.

Seniors wishing to join may call Helen Rogers, Membership Chairperson (786-3756) or Ed Organek, Trip Organizer (786-2453).

### TOASTMASTERS Meet In Agawam

Agawam/West Side TOASTMASTERS, a club which promotes better communication and speaking skills, meets every second and fourth Thursday of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the meeting room of Country Estates, 1200 Suffield Street, Agawam.

The public is invited to attend for free.

For more information, call Jim, 789-2925, or Richard, 786-0887.

### Atlantic City Trip Slated For September

Join the Agawam Friendly Travelers for an Atlantic City getaway — three days on "The Boardwalk" — at Bally's Park Place Casino Hotel, September 12-14, 1999.

With a 7:30 a.m. departure, we are bound for the excitement of Atlantic City (with comfort and meal stops en route). Our destination is Bally's Park Place Casino Hotel and Tower on "The Boardwalk."

Upon arrival, we will each receive a \$30 coin bonus. We'll then have the rest of "today" and "tomorrow" to enjoy the hotel facilities and try our luck in the casino!

For a change of pace, try shopping at the nearby Ocean One Mall. On Tuesday, we will have free time before departure in the afternoon. On the way home, there will be a break for dinner (on your own) as well as a comfort stop. The arrival home will be at 9:00 p.m.

This tour includes round-trip motorcoach transportation; deluxe accommodations at Bally's Park Place; \$30 coin bonus; baggage handling (of one bag per person); and all taxes and gratuities (including the driver).

The cost per person is \$159 for double or triple occupancy, and \$229 for single occupancy.

For further information, please call Nellie Mathias at 786-9093, or stop by the ticket booth at the Agawam Senior Center, which is open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This trip is open to the general public, and a deposit will hold your reservation.

**Please remember to patronize your local businesses...**

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### Annual Oktoberfest Slated For August 21st At Spfld. Turnverein

The Springfield Turnverein of Agawam will hold its annual Oktoberfest at the club grounds on Saturday, August 21st, from noon to midnight. The club is located at 167 Garden Street, Agawam, across from the Garden Street exit off of Route 57.

Entertainment will feature music by the Melha Temple German Band from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., and the band Orange Crush will continue the beat from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Folk dancers, German novelties and linens, clowns, balloons, and face-painting for the kids are also on the program.

Plenty of food will be available, including bratwurst, knockwurst, hot dogs, kielbasa links, hamburgers, smoked pork chops, sauerkraut, potato pancakes, potato salads, cakes, and pastries.

Imported and domestic beer will be on hand, along with sodas and coffee.

Donations are \$3 in advance and \$4 at the gate. Tickets are available now by contacting any member of the Turnverein or calling the club at 786-0924.

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## Activites At Heritage Hall Nursing Home



RECENTLY, HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME held a variety of activities for both employees and residents. From left - Debbie Evans and John Daly received "Employee Congeniality" recognition; IN MIDDLE PHOTO - nursing home residents Winifred Wright and Ed Sienkiewicz were named "Mr. & Ms. Congeniality"; IN PHOTO RIGHT - Jesseca Holmes enjoys a strawberry shortcake during a strawberry social. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



ARTHUR LAMIRANDE, a classical pianist, entertained both residents and staff members at Heritage Hall Nursing Home recently to celebrate the 96th birthday of his mother, Marion Lamirande, a resident of Heritage Hall North. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Applications Available For November Craft Fair At Polish Club

Applications are now being accepted for the 17th Annual Craft Fair on November 16th at the Polish American Club of Agawam, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary.

For an application or more information, call Helen at (413) 786-6058 or Carmella at (413) 786-0845.

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## Tammy Washburn Weds Shawn Rumplik

Tammy L. Washburn, daughter of Bill and Becky Washburn of Autumn St., Agawam, and Shawn D. Rumplik, son of Larry and Gail Rumplik of White Fox Road, Feeding Hills, were united in marriage April 10th at the Agawam Congregational Church.

The Reverend Curt Fuller performed the ceremony.

Laurie Morgan, sister of the bride, served as matron-of-honor. Matt Toczeko was best man.

Lisa Pierog, Hollie Larochelle (cousins of the bride), and Jennifer Domaingue attended at bridesmaids.

Shean Sumner, Shawn Skelly, and Brian Brunelle served as ushers.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield. The couple honeymooned in Bermuda.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School and graduated from Westfield State College in 1998. She is presently enrolled in their graduate program and is employed by the Town of Agawam as a teacher.

The groom graduated in 1992 from Agawam High School and graduated from Holyoke Community College in 1997. He is presently attending Westfield State College as a science major, and is employed by COSTCO in West Springfield.

The couple currently resides in Agawam.

## Sponsors Still Needed For Sen. Melconian's Charity Golf Tourney

Although State Senator Linda J. Melconian's Seventh Annual Charity Golf Tournament is fast approaching, there are still many prime sponsorship opportunities available for local businesses.

The tournament, taking place on Monday, August 30th, at The Orchards in South Hadley, benefits battered women's shelters in Western Massachusetts. Local businesses are invited to participate as a tournament sponsor, or a hole/tee/green sponsor. Each of these sponsorship levels offer maximum visibility, and 100 percent of the money raised goes directly to charity.

Local business owners interested in participating, or who have questions about the different levels of participation, should call Rosemary Sandlin at (413) 785-0820, or Paige Thayer at (413) 732-3121, Ext. 103, for more information.

The three shelters benefiting from the tournament are: Womanshelter/Companeras in Holyoke, and the Abuse and Rape Crisis Hotline (ARCH) in Springfield and New Beginnings in Westfield (both of which are programs of the YWCA of Western Massachusetts). Each program provides free and confidential emergency shelter, 24-hour telephone hotlines, counseling, support groups, legal advocacy, information, and referrals.

Senator Melconian is an active and vocal supporter of women's shelters in her district. As the Majority Leader and the highest ranking woman in the Massachusetts State Senate, Melconian lobbies on behalf of women and children across Western Massachusetts.

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## Big 50th For Norman & Dorothy Jenks



A 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PARTY was recently held for Norman & Dorothy Jenks at Teresa's Restaurant. Some of the people who attended the event included, standing, from left - Mr. & Mrs. Lee Jenks, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Jenks, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Jenks, and Mrs. Eleanor Jenks. Seated - Dorothy & Norman Jenks, and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gray.

## "Christmas In July" Slated At West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry

In celebration of "Christmas in July," the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry, soon to become your Parish Cupboard, requests your help with several items that are needed now:

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA, on THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1999 at: 6:45 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of PRIDE CONVENIENCE, INC. who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-44, Paragraph H of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for a "Drive-thru" for a coffee/donut shop at the premises identified as: 6 NORTH WESTFIELD STREET.

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## Reflections... submitted by

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### What, We Worry?

"Worry changes nothing but the lining of your stomach," so says Billy Graham. It is said that more than half of the things we worry about never actually happen; that another 30 percent to 40 percent of the things we worry about don't occur in the manner we think they will; that only 10 percent to 20 percent of the things we worry about actually happen the way we fear they will, and that there's nothing we can do about that anyway. Experience tells us that worrying about things generally doesn't improve our situation. In fact, worrying oftentimes actually makes matters worse than they already are.

With all due respect to Rev. Graham, worry does more than merely change the lining of our stomach. Worry is a great underminer of faith. Worry is the opposite of faith. Worry tells us that "we're on our own." Faith tells us, "God is on your side." When we persist in worrying, we proclaim to ourselves and to anybody who is listening to us that we really don't believe that God knows or cares about our problems. The exact opposite is true.

Everybody has problems, that is a fact of life. Nobody is exempt. However, problems in and of themselves cannot cause us to worry. We decide that on our own. We choose, every time a problem crops up or persists, whether or not we're going to worry.

Instead of worrying, we can recall what God says on this topic: Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecutions, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? That's a pretty exhaustive list of the things which can go wrong in a person's life. But, just to make sure, the Bible goes on to say, "As it is written, 'For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' That just about completes the list. Things can and do go wrong, but we don't have to be conquered by them. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Some of us are worriers by nature; all of us have spent considerable time in the past worrying about something. So where do we go from here? We start by realizing that God already knows and understands our proclivity towards worrying. But they and our ancestors acted presumptuously and stiffened their necks and did not obey Your commandments; they refused to obey, and were not mindful of the wonders that You performed among them; but they stiffened their necks and determined to return to their slavery in Egypt.

Our worrying does do more than change the lining of our stomachs, it causes our hearts to turn away from and against God. When the people of Israel worried, God saw their behavior as acting presumptuously and disobeying, because they were not mindful of the wonders God has performed. In spite of this, You are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful ... You in Your great mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness; neither will He forsake us!

When Jesus saw a great crowd, He had compassion for them and cured their sick. On several occasions He fed the crowds miraculously, and all ate and were filled. God loves us, and He is on our side!

The next time we have occasion to worry, perhaps we can try to look up rather than to look around. Remember that God loves us! For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Nocturnal Adoration To Meet August 6th At Sacred Heart In FH

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, August 6th from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

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## St. John's Parish News & Notes

### CONFIRMATION

The members of our Confirmation Class who wish to be Confirmed in October are reminded to make an appointment for their interview with Fr. Bill or Fr. Howard by the end of July. They should have their Confirmation name selected, their Sponsor certificate on file, their Community service verified, and their homework assignments completed. Call 786-8105 for an appointment time.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

If there are any adults who have not as yet been Confirmed, we will be having the Sacrament here at St. John's in October.

Sessions will be held to prepare candidates during August and September. Call the Rectory at 786-8105 to register.

### MILLENNIUM QUILT

If you missed the application form to obtain a Quilt Square for your family, they are available at the doors of the church.

There seem to be some questions about this project. You will not have to do any sewing; you will be supplied with a square of material on which you will write your family name.

A crew of seamstresses will put it all together. They just need to know how many families are interested so they can plan the details of making the Quilt.

Your family will be missed if you are not involved in this Jubilee Project. (Final day to sign up: August 2nd.)

### JUBILEE 2000

Have you signed up yet for one of the many projects we hope to orchestrate for the "Jubilee Year 2000"? Time is slipping by rather quickly.

Make sure you take some active role in this very special commemoration of the Birth of the Lord Jesus.

### 1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

Registration should be completed by August 1st for new and returning students. Last year's students have received the paperwork via mail. Parents of new students should call the Rectory for forms. After August 15th, the registration fee will be \$15.

### AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB

No regular meetings in July and August.

July 29th: Storrowton Village Gazebo - "Vickie Phillips," 7:30 p.m.

August 14th: Annual Springfield Armory Film Festival.

### TEEN ENCOUNTER FAREWELL REUNION

Come celebrate the past and reach to the future with us as we celebrate the closing of the Teen Encounter Program. The event is open to anyone who has ever made a Teen Encounter Weekend.

It will take place on Saturday, August 7th, here at St. John the Evangelist Church. Please RSVP if attending; call (413) 527-7387 by August 2nd. Refreshments served.

### PARISH PICNIC

July 29th, Picnic Committee, 7:00 p.m., Parish Center.

Plans are progressing nicely for our Parish Picnic on August 29th. We will use our own St. John's Field on Leonard Street for this event.

FACE PAINTING will again be featured at the Picnic. Want to help? Call Mariann Green, the Chairman, at 786-8105.

## Weekly Calendar From Agawam Congregational Church

This Sunday, August 1st, is a Communion Service. Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "Wrestling with the Past and the Present," taken from Romans 9:1-5.

Join us for a special music "Pie Jesu" and "Peace like a River/Kum Ba Yah" by choir members Lynn Tallman and Bob Keeney, accompanied by Ellen Cogen, Minister of Music.

His Children's Message will be "Opening and Closing Doors." Join us for the Summer Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.

Summer Church School continues and will be immediately following the Children's Message.

Men's Prayer Time is held weekly on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. This half-hour includes a devotional reading, prayer, and a time of refreshments and

fellowships.

All are welcome to this very special time. For more information, contact Rev. Fuller at 786-7111.

All Church/After Church/Sunday Baseball Bus Trip is scheduled for Sunday, August 1st. Come to church and we will leave right after service at 11:00 a.m. for Norwich, CT to see the Norwich Navigators vs. Portland Sea Dogs.

King Ward Coach Lines is donating the bus for this intergenerational trip. A few tickets are still available. If interested, please contact Rev. Fuller at 786-7111.

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For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

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Church News - continued...

## Strawberry Supper At Agawam Congregational



OVER AT THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH in Agawam Center, a strawberry supper was recently held. From left - Ian Lewis is all smiles when his food arrived; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Carol Allen, Lucy Young, and Jim Randolph were part of the kitchen crew. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Communion Sunday To Be Celebrated At First Baptist Church

Communion will be celebrated this Sunday morning at the 9:30 a.m. service of worship at First Baptist Church.

Pastor Richard Barnes will speak on "Take Courage!" He will refer to scriptural passages from Matthew 14:22-33. The responsive reading will be led by Diana LaZazza.

You are invited to attend services at our church. The First Baptist Church is located on the corner of Main and Elm Streets. It is an American Baptist Church, being a member of The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts, and The American Baptist Churches, USA.

The Church School staff will meet on August 10th at 6:00 p.m. in Davis Hall to plan for the upcoming Church School year. All teachers are urged to attend this planning meeting. Pizza will be served.

Caring connections contacts for the month of August are Gween and Jack Magovern.

During the summer months, you are invited to visit our library in Davis Hall, which has recently been enlarged, due to some generous donations. Stop in and pick up something for your spiritual enrichment while you enjoy the slowed pace of summer.

For further information, call Barbara Williams, Librarian, 786-7429.



ATTENDING THE RECENT STRAWBERRY SUPPER at the Agawam Congregational Church in Agawam Center were, from left - Ernest and Barbara Swanson, and Bernice Burton. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## News & Activities Slated Next Week At FH Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 9:30 a.m. and will include the Service of Holy Communion. This week, we also welcome as our guests several members of Operation Friendship, who are visiting us from the country of Wales in the United Kingdom.

Coffee Hour will be hosted in their honor. The lectionary readings for the 10th Sunday after Pentecost will be Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15 (or Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21); Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "Wrestling with God." Special music will be provided this week by Chris Mangano and Rev. Donaldson. Children are invited to attend worship with adults or help with the prep preparations for Vacation Bible School if they choose. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Vacation Bible School is getting closer! Explore God's promises through Scripture reading, crafts, music, and special activities.

Vacation Bible School will take place from Monday, August 16th to Friday, August 20th between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. each day. Please call Lynn Hill at 782-6794 if you have any questions or would like to enroll your child.

Don't forget! Next Sunday, we will have our monthly collection for the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry now called the Parish Cupboard.

Bags of groceries and articles of clean, usable clothing are needed. Please bring your items to the Open Pantry table in the sanctuary. If you are unable to donate a bag of groceries, envelopes will be available in the sanctuary on the Open Pantry collection table for cash donations.

### On the calendar:

Friday, July 30th: 5:00-10:00 p.m., Creative Memories

Sunday, Aug. 1st: 9:30 a.m., Communion Sunday; 12:00-8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption

Monday, Aug. 2nd: 7:30 p.m., Council

Tuesday, Aug. 3rd: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Thursday, Aug. 5th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

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#### SUNDAY

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10:30 A.M. - Morning Service

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6:00 P.M. - Evening Services  
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## Applications Being Accepted For Annual Sacred Heart Tag Sale

Applications are now being accepted for the Annual Tag and Craft Sale at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

It will be held in the church parking lot on Saturday, Sept. 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Rain

date is Saturday, September 18th.

Both tag and craft items will be sold, but each will have a separate section in the parking lot.

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For The Second Quarter Of 1999...

## Westfield Mutual Holding Company Announces Results

Westfield Bank President Donald A. Williams has announced the second-quarter financial results for the Westfield Mutual Holding Company and its primary subsidiary, Westfield Bank.

Williams noted that, "Westfield Bank has benefited from the recent local bank consolidations as customers seek to maintain their banking relationships with locally owned and managed financial institutions."

Total assets as of June 30, 1999 were \$592,201,308. Assets increased \$5,445,100, up approximately one percent. Deposits ended the quarter up \$6,638,097 at \$516,499,860. That represented a growth of 1.30 percent.

Growth in the Consumer Loan portfolio was significant, up 22.69 percent, ending the quarter at over \$69 million. This growth has come from the strong auto dealer relationships the Bank has established over the years.

Commercial Loans continue to increase, up \$1,120,027 for the quarter. Real Estate Loans declined \$4,650,988, which was primarily the result of collateralizing \$11.1 million in loans with Fannie Mae.

Williams stated, "The Bank continues to enjoy growth in all loan areas, particularly in our Commercial Loan portfolio. With the addition of our soon-to-be-opened branch in downtown Springfield, our growth in both loans and deposits should continue."

Net income for the quarter was reported as \$1,372,586, a slight decline from the same period last year.

Westfield Bank has been headquartered in Westfield since 1853. Branch offices are located in Agawam, East Longmeadow, Southwick, Springfield, and West Springfield.

The Bank provides a full array of banking services for both personal and business needs.

## LLS&Y/BHG Agents Attain Relocation Specialist Certification

Charles E. Reiter, President of Landry, Lyons, Stearns & Yerrall/Better Homes and Gardens®, is pleased to announce that 93 agents have recently completed the Relocation Specialist Certification Program.

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Among those who have successfully completed the course are Pam Savioli and Rosemarie Stanisewski of the Feeding Hills sales office.

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## Spotlight On Business

### Rheault Honored By Springfield Chamber



DONALD M. RHEAULT OF FEEDING HILLS, owner of Message On Hold Network Of New England, Inc., was one of 35 business owners and businesses honored by the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce recently at the Small Business Recognition Banquet. Rheault, the Agawam Town Council president, accepts the award from Linda Northrup Vitro, Agawam Chamber of Commerce president, and Claire D'Amour (right), representing the Greater Springfield Chamber.

### Elizabeth Gervais Of Feeding Hills Joins Public Relations Firm

van Schouwen Associates, L.L.C. is pleased to announce that Elizabeth Gervais of Feeding Hills has joined their staff as a Strategic Communications Assistant.

A full-service advertising, marketing, public relations, and internet design and consulting firm, van Schouwen Associates has offices in Springfield and Greensboro, North Carolina.

Gervais is entering her senior year at Clark University in Worcester. Majoring in Psychology and minoring in Communications and Screen Studies, Gervais is also pursuing a Masters in Professional Communications at Clark University.

In her new position, she will assist in strategic communications for the remainder of the summer months.



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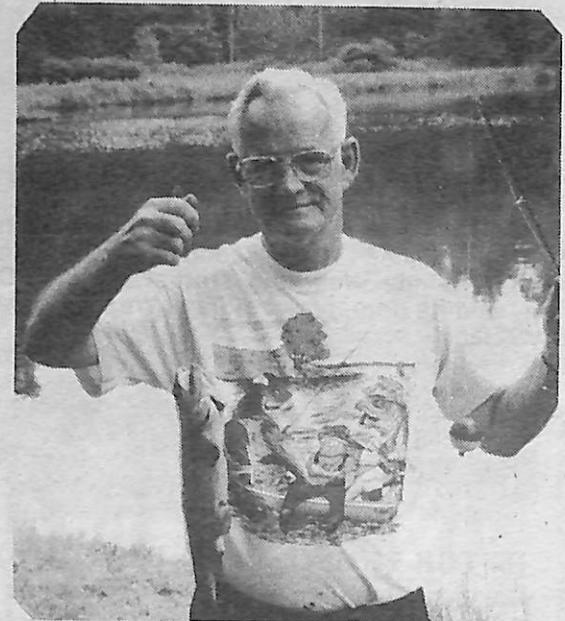
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## Jack Devine Retirement Party from Agawam Advertiser News

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Dinner 5 pm

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Veal Cordon Bleu	_____
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## Spotlight On Business - continued...

## Riverside Park Presents Maintenance Awards



IN TOP PHOTO, Chuck Davis (right), from the Maintenance Dept. at Riverside Park, presented a "Maintenance Person of the Month" Award to Brian Lebrecque for his outstanding working at the Water Park; IN PHOTO BELOW, Davis congratulates Laurent Chabot for being named "Maintenance Person of the Year." Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



CHUCK DAVIS, FROM THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT at Riverside Park (right in both photos), recently presented "Performance Awards" to employees Steve Ferrisi (left photo) and Kevin Piquette for the excellent layout and quick completion of installing and building the automatic gate at the T-bolt. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Start by figuring the area to be painted. If you're painting the inside, perform these calculations:

**Walls:** Multiply the perimeter (distance around room) by the height. If using a different paint for door or window trim, subtract the square footage of doors and window frames.

**Ceilings or floors:** Multiply the length of the room by its width.

If you're painting the exterior of your home, do these calculations:

**Siding:** Multiply the perimeter by the height. For peak areas: Multiply the height from base of roofline to tip of peak by one-half the base length.

For total square foot area: Add siding surface area and peak areas. For gutters, add one square foot for every running foot. If using a different paint for trim, subtract the square footage of doors and frames.

Next, divide the total square footage by 400, since one gallon of paint covers approximately 400 square feet. If you're using varnish or stain, instead divide by 200, since one gallon of varnish or stain covers approximately 200 square feet.

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  - Doorway placement that impedes traffic flow
- It's far less expensive to fix plans than to make changes once work is underway.

**When your bank merges**, watch your new statements very carefully. Mistakes are common during consolidations. Keep precise records on your own, and hold onto canceled checks and ATM receipts. Do not deposit checks in ATM's. The machines are vulnerable to errors when banks merge computer systems. Immediately report any inaccuracies you find. Also, read all mailings from the bank carefully ... they may announce changes in fees and account features.

**Don't have the money for a down payment???** The new Fresh Rate program, subsidized through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, lends homebuyers the three percent down payment needed to buy a home at a low, fixed interest rate, and if the homeowner lives in the home for a 10-year period or longer, the loan of three percent is forgiven. Questions??? Leave them on my voice mail at 846-0961.

**Get kids to eat more vegetables** by serving veggies before the rest of the meal. Kids are less picky when they are hungry. Helpful: put out vegetables on the dinner table while getting the rest of the food ready to serve.

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**Hey, guys ... your tie length...** The long end of a thick necktie should reach the middle of your belt buckle. A thin tie should come down just below that. If the length of the tie's material is too long, try a different knot. Example: A half-Windsor knot will produce a shorter tie than a four-in-hand knot. A Windsor knot will make the tie hang even shorter. If this doesn't work, have the tie shortened.

**Emergency Documents Kit.** Keep very important documents and phone numbers in an easy-to-grab kit to take with you if you have to leave quickly because of an emergency. This kit should include the following...

- Traveler's checks or emergency cash, including quarters for phone calls.
- List of bank, credit, and investment accounts
- Phone numbers of financial advisors
- Videotape or photos of everything in your home
- Photocopies of deeds to property and any records that would be hard to replace
- Copies of important medical and eyeglass prescriptions

Do your best to keep all of this information inside a resealable plastic bag.

**Raymond Rose is the Principal of THE PIONEER GROUP**, a professional real estate firm that represents home buyers only. Comments/questions can be directed to his office (731-6800) or his e-mail (RayRose111@aol.com). Also, contact him via e-mail to receive his FREE online newsletter, THE PIONEER REPORT - Online.

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**Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...**

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**Westfield Bank Opens Branch On Main Street, Downtown Springfield**

Westfield Bank President Donald A. Williams recently announced the opening of their newest location at 1341 Main Street, Springfield.

Joining Williams at the 10:00 a.m. ribbon-cutting was Springfield Mayor Michael Albano and other city officials. Williams noted, "We are pleased to be a part of the Springfield business community."

Williams continued, "Westfield Bank will bring a non-traditional banking approach to Main Street. Personal Bankers will staff the office and be capable of conducting all of your business from a sit-down station." In addition to this unique method of processing transactions, the office will have an on-line terminal for Internet access.

"The Library area will allow customers to review the day's business activity as well as just

relaxing with a cup of coffee while browsing through the local newspapers. Customers will have 24-hour ATM access and a night depository will be available for business deposits. Safe Deposit rentals will also be offered.

"We invite everyone to stop in our new office to see what Personal Banking really means to Main Street, Springfield," Williams concluded.

Westfield Bank, headquartered in Westfield since 1853, is a mutual holding company with total assets of over \$590 million. The Bank, one of the largest independent community banks in the Western Mass. area, offers a full array of business and personal financial services. Other offices are located in Agawam, East Longmeadow, Southwick, and West Springfield.

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**Legal Memo**

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**Domestic Relations**  
**Child Support Modification - Retroactivity**

Where a judge modified a divorced man's child support obligation upward at his ex-wife's request but refused to make the modification retroactive, citing a "lack of prosecution" by the ex-wife, the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) decided that the portion of the judgment denying retroactive effect to the modification order must be vacated and the matter remanded.

The Court took such action because (1) the judge failed to explain his conclusion regarding "lack of prosecution" and (2) the record does not contain facts serving as a basis for the judge's decision.

"The parties were divorced in 1989. They had one child, who was born in 1983. As part of the divorce, the father was ordered to pay \$85 per week in child support. In June 1995, the mother filed a complaint for modification seeking an increase in support payments. A trial was held on the mother's complaint in May 1998.

"The judge modified the father's child support obligations, but refused to make the modifications retroactive, citing a "lack of prosecution" by the mother. The mother appealed. The Court was asked to decide whether G.L.C. 208, section 28, and G.L.C. 199A, section 13, when read together, mandate that all modifications of child support orders be given retroactive effect, absent a showing that such retroactive modification would be contrary to the child's best interests, unjust, or inappropriate. In the alternative, if the Court found that the decision is discretionary, it was asked whether the judge abused his discretion in not ordering retroactive modification."

"The Court concluded that there is no statutory mandate that modification of support orders be given retroactive effect; the decision whether to give retroactive effect to such orders rests in the sound discretion of the judge. However, because the judge did not explain his conclusion that there was a 'lack of prosecution,' and because the apparent absence from the record of facts which would provide a basis for this decision, the ruling gives the appearance of having been made arbitrarily. Therefore, the portion of the judgment denying retroactive effect to the modification order was vacated, and the matter was remanded to another Probate and Family Court judge for a determination whether retroactive modification is appropriate."

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts.

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**The Right Kind Of Faith**

What kind of faith do you need to be forgiven of your sins and to obtain peace with God? The right kind of faith focuses on Jesus Christ. Here's what to do:

1. Admit your sinfulness and tell the Lord you want to turn from it. Jesus said, "Unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).
2. Believe that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).
3. Trust in Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord. Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

The time to trust in Christ, to make Him the object of your faith, is now. You can do it today by praying something like this:

*Dear God, I know that I am a sinner and that in my own strength I cannot do anything to please You or to earn eternal life. I believe that You love me and that You sent Your Son to die on the cross to pay the penalty for my sin. I now put my faith in You and trust completely in Jesus Christ to rescue me. I desire to turn away from my sin and to let You take control of my life. Amen.*

If you prayed that prayer in all sincerity, you can say, "Now I have the right kind of faith!"

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Your Small Business...**

Operating a small business is a dream of many people who seek the independence and challenge of making it on their own. But the vision has a potential dark side that often strikes fear in the hearts of these potential entrepreneurs: personal liability for debts and lawsuits. Consider these hypothetical examples:

"John" leaves his job as an accountant to start a sailing school. After two years of building a successful business, a student is severely injured during a lesson, sues and obtains a judgment for \$250,000. John's insurance covers \$100,000 of the judgment, leaving him personally liable for the remainder.

"Mary" decides to open the pet supply shop she always knew would thrive in her medium-sized town. She borrows \$85,000 from the local bank to renovate an old store and stock her shelves, and she's in business. Unfortunately, shortly after Mary opens, a discount pet supply chain opens a warehouse store on the outskirts of town — and quickly draws much of Mary's target market. After several months, Mary can't meet her lease or loan payments, and the bank goes after house, car, and other personal assets for repayment.

Lawsuits can happen to any small business, but the possibility needn't keep you working for someone else. Following are several ways to limit your personal liability and build a wall between your personal and business assets.

**Obtain adequate business liability insurance.** As sole proprietors, Mary and John are personally liable for business debts and lawsuits. But they can limit or eliminate their exposure to lawsuits by obtaining sufficient business liability insurance. Anyone who assumes that their homeowner insurance policy will cover their commercial operation may be making a mistake. The fact is, a homeowner policy generally will not pro-

tect you against claims arising from your business pursuits.

For that reason, you should obtain a commercial liability policy if your endeavor involves any kind of liability risk. Contact your licensed insurance agent and/or attorney for advice on the type and amount of coverage that you should carry.

**Organize your business as a separate legal entity.** Commercial liability insurance does not protect your personal assets from creditors in case your business fails. To separate your personal finances from your business, create a separate business entity. Two structure that can do this are the corporation and the limited liability company.

Almost any businessperson can form a corporation regardless of the type of operation or income. Establishing a corporation creates a legal entity separate from the owners (stockholders). If claimants or creditors sue your corporation, all you stand to lose are the assets you've invested in the corporation. Unless you've acted with criminal intent or personally signed for business loans, you and your personal assets generally are shielded from liability.

Keep in mind, however, that a corporation is effective only if you treat it as real. One way creditors can bypass a corporate structure is to show that the corporation is merely a front for the individual owning it. To prevent this, you must follow corporate procedures such as separating your personal and corporate assets, funding the corporation; using a corporate name and federal identification number, filing annual reports with the state, keeping corporate minutes and records, and signing contracts in your corporate name.

A limited liability company (LLC) is a fairly new entity that allows small operators in most states to separate their business and personal lives without the complexity and expense of a corporation.

Like a corporation, an LLC insulates you from debts and judgments obtained against the business. You generally can lose only what you've invested into the company. But, again, you're not protected if you engage in criminal activity or personally sign for loans.

As noted, LLCs don't require the same record keeping and reporting requirements of a corporation, and they don't formally separate the business operators from the owners through issuance of corporate stock.

The confidence that you are protected against personal liability can make your venture more enjoyable and successful. For advice in determining the best liability strategies for your business, consult an attorney, an accountant, and a knowledgeable financial advisor.

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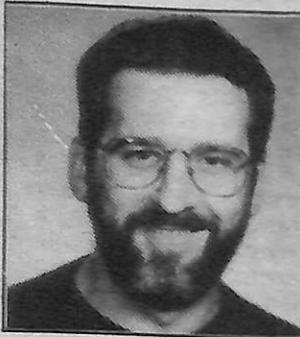
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# For Your Health



## "Let's Talk About It"

by Dan Pender  
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### What Are You Talking About?

Simply put, "What are you talking about? Being separate and together? Help!" This was an e-mail response to last week's article entitled "Is the Family the Enemy? The context of last week's column centered around the question, can a person be an individual both *separate from* and *connected to* their family identity or sense of self?

My opinion is that one's sense of self-identity primarily comes from within one's multigenerational family system. How a person is free or not to pursue a *self* different from the families' version is the challenge.

My own experience of coming to know myself has come from an appreciation of the many gifts and talents that were nurtured and supported within my birth and extended family. In my early 30's, I came to name and understand in a new way my role (family identity) embodied in my long-standing family nickname - 'dopey Danny.'

This nickname meant so many things. Among them, it meant that I was the only one (of six children) dopey enough to get stuck in the **middle** trying to keep my parent's destructive and deteriorating marriage together. It meant that no matter how "successful" I was "outside" the house (a la my Wall Street days), I was and did feel 'dopey' within and **outside** the house. To help feel dopey 'outside,' I actually took on a career (broker) and even personal relationships that helped me recreate my role in my family as - *the one in the middle*.

The message I lived out, scripted from my family, for most of my young life, was "go out and achieve (awards, scholarships, wealth, etc.), but never really feel good about them. In fact, bring any accomplishments back into the house and remember, I am 'dopey,' incompetent, unable to keep an alcoholic family system together, remain the one stuck in the middle.

This, of course, is the abbreviated version of my story. Yet, I attempt to outline a piece of my family dynamic to demonstrate my respect for how family systems can operate. Each family is unique, yet each shares much in common with one another when it comes to how people relate as a family. In my case, I learned to go "out" and succeed, yet feel 'dopey' about myself, both in and out of the house. I was to remain in the middle, despite how discouraging this role was for me and *my sense of self-worth*.

Now back to the start of today's column, separate yet connected? Yes, it is my experience that if one cuts-off from their family system based on circumstances or ways of relating in the family; then any sort of healthy connection with family

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## Fitness Tips...

by  
Carmela Kirk, R.N.  
Fitness Director  
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### Energy

I wanted to take a minute to talk about energy. Not calories or food sources or protein shakes, but your energy.

Some people have a lot of excited energy and they are bubbly and up, some people have little energy and they are slow and seem to be tired or uninterested.

I am a therapeutic touch practitioner, which means I frequently spend time feeling energy. Therapeutic touch is putting your hands over someone without touching them, but being able to feel the energy around their body. It's not magical, it's simply electrical energy that we all put out but we don't all pay attention to. Think for a minute, if we all put out energy and take in energy, it is probably kind of important.

My energy, what I am putting out, is so obvious to some people. I recently went through a little low energy spurt. In other words, my heart wasn't into it. Everyone noticed. I continued to smile, I used my same words, but the results were not the same.

It was my energy. I didn't have it to give, so they (participants in class) didn't get to take it. The reason I bring this up is also to make you aware of what your energy is reading like. What do you think it says?

How about the people around you? If you'll notice, there are two types. Those that seem to give you energy and those that seem to take energy away. Right? Some people are easier to be around and you feel good after you've been with them.

Others, you seem to need a rest after an hour with them. Let's take this one step further. To replenish your energy is another important factor. How are you replenished?

I tend to give energy away when I'm around a lot of people, so for me to relax, I will typically crave alone time. The person closest to me is the opposite. When he needs to relax, he likes a big crowd and lots of activity.

Being aware of your energy, the people around you, and what it takes to replenish you is very important. Try to pay attention and replenish often so you won't get one of those low energy spurts.

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## Your Back And Your Health

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## Back Pain And Pregnancy

Backaches and pains often develop during the course of pregnancy for many women. The reason in part is that the extra weight the mother is carrying may cause postural distortions which can result in irritations to the spine.

This is more likely during the last trimester when growth of the fetus is rapid. There is a simultaneous increase in certain hormones in the mother which readies her body for the birth process. Two of these hormones are estrogen and progesterone, which cause relaxation of ligaments in the pelvis and can also affect ligaments of the spine, making them less stable than usual.

The unstable spine, plus the extra weight gain, may result in added stress to some areas of the back. Possible misalignment of vertebrae and accompanying pain may occur. Already existing back problems can also be aggravated during pregnancy.

Chiropractic provides an effective approach to relieving many of these back pains. Correction of these spinal distortions by a doctor of chiropractic can relieve these spinal irritations as well as unnecessary tension. This relief will permit greater relaxation and allow for more restful sleep, so important at this time.

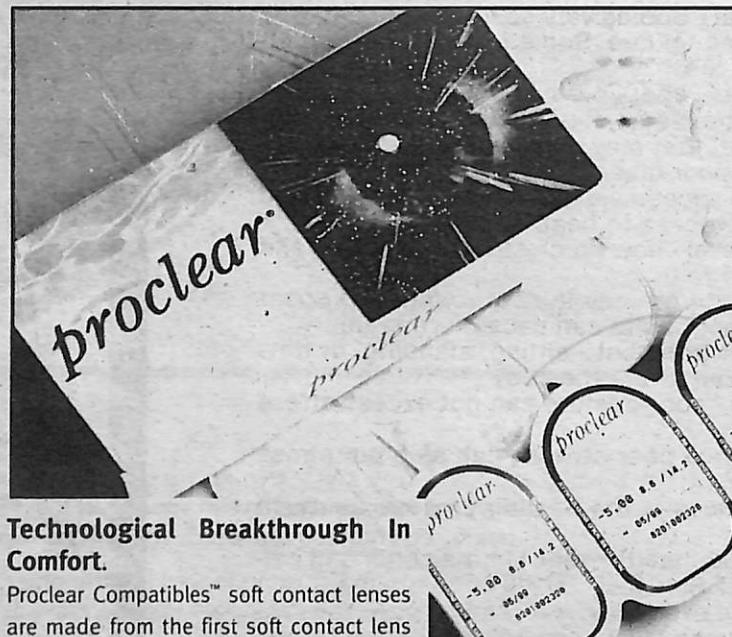
Chiropractic treatment is not only safe, but important during these special nine months. First, it insures that the pelvis bones are aligned properly for a quicker, easier delivery. Second, it allows normal nerve system function. This provides for a more harmonious relationship between mother and the developing baby.

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members or even with other non-family relationships, becomes very difficult, if not impossible.

Cut-off is the emotional process that, in effect, binds us to the family system. It serves to relieve some immediate pressure or stress in the family by somehow physically and/or emotionally removing oneself. However, in the long term, this type of cut-off or removal, I believe, serves to emotionally connect us to the very sort of relationship system we are attempting to flee.

After a bad argument, for example, perhaps you leave that person, even for only a short time. Cut-off is when you do what you can to flee the feelings attached to the experience. Some folks attempt to numb themselves by turning to drink or drugs, others to television, the telephone or Internet, whatever it takes not to face yourself or the other person's side.

When I cut-off, I often will do so by turning to sleep as my escape. However, the next morning, or perhaps a few days later, some communication resumes. A common experience for many people when they do get together, though, is to have no real or good re-connection. Yet, through the disconnect, they have somehow become bound more closely by not having "worked it out!"

I am committed toward "working out" my stuff with my family, not by cutting off from them, but by working at what my part and their part is that binds us together. Many families are more comfortable "together" (even in their dys-function), than being healthy separate and connected members.

One lesson I've learned about how to create a healthy separateness and connectedness for me is by embracing the best of what my system trained me, in effect, to be - *the one in the middle*. Today, I use those very skills and am capable of being in the middle without being "dopey"; separate, yet connected. How about you? Do you try to change by cutting-off? Let's talk some more about this ... in the meantime, continue to e-mail and write to me with your feedback, relationship questions, and topics and Let's Talk About It.



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by  
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## The Healing Process

Oftentimes, a patient will ask how long it will be until they are better. This is the hardest part of my job. I can have two people come in with the exact same problem. One responds very well and is better very quickly, and the other takes much longer to heal.

Why is that? Bodies vary so much. Each is very individual and unique. Some factors that may affect healing are:

- Genetics - what your body is. If you have any underlying problems like scoliosis, arthritis, or other factors, that may slow the healing process.
- Diet - a poor diet can affect healing.
- Weight - excess weight can certainly impede the body's process to heal.
- Stress level - how much stress in your life and how to react to it.
- Sleep patterns - one-third of your time is spent sleeping. Poor habits can cause further injury.
- Work environment - sitting, standing, or driving all day can affect the body.
- Posture - poor posture can put excess stress on the body.
- Attitude - a poor attitude can also put stress on the body.

To help increase the healing process as much as possible:

- Eat a good, healthy diet. Limit alcohol and caffeine. DON'T SMOKE!
- Exercise every day.
- Keep stress levels down.
- Sleep on your side or back.
- Try to vary your routine. Limit excess sitting or standing.
- Focus on posture and breathing. Take deep breaths throughout the day and stand/sit up straight.
- Most important - keep a positive attitude. We all know the mind/body are connected. A happy mind is a healthy body!

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

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## Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell  
Registered Dietician

### How Long Can You Keep Leftovers?

Is it a 24-hour bug? Or something you ate? Very often what seems like the flu may be foodborne illness, commonly called food poisoning. Unfortunately, mishandling of food at home is a leading cause of foodborne illness.

Refrigerate foods quickly and at a proper temperature to slow the growth of bacteria and prevent foodborne illness. Leftover foods from a meal should not stay out of refrigeration longer than two hours. In hot weather (80°F or above), this time is reduced to one hour.

Also, make sure your refrigerator is set below

40°F. This will keep perishable foods out of what's called the "danger zone" — 40°F or above. Keep a refrigerator thermometer inside your refrigerator at all times!

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR LEFTOVERS	
Perishable Food	Keeps Up To
Cooked fresh vegetables	3-4 days
Cooked pasta	3-5 days
Cooked rice	1 week
Deli counter meats	5 days
Greens	1-2 days
Meat	
Hams, cooked and sliced	3-4 days
Hot dogs, opened	1 week
Lunch meats, prepackaged, opened	3-5 days
Cooked beef, pork, poultry, fish and meat casseroles	3-4 days
Cooked patties and nuggets, gravy and broth	1-2 days
Seafood, cooked	2 days
Soups and stews	3-4 days
Stuffing	1-2 days

### WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

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Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke, spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons.

On August 11th, the topic will be "Physical Rehab after a Stroke." On August 25th, the topic will be "Speech and Language Problems after a Stroke."

Support group participants are encouraged to suggest topics for future meetings. Call 568-2811, ext. 5809, and leave a topic.

**Diabetes:** Tuesday, August 24th, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

At this meeting, Noble Hospital pharmacists Phil Spigarelli, R. Ph., and Stacy Bratton, Pharm. D., will review medications with Diabetes Support Group participants. (If you are planning to attend this meeting, please bring your current medications with you.)

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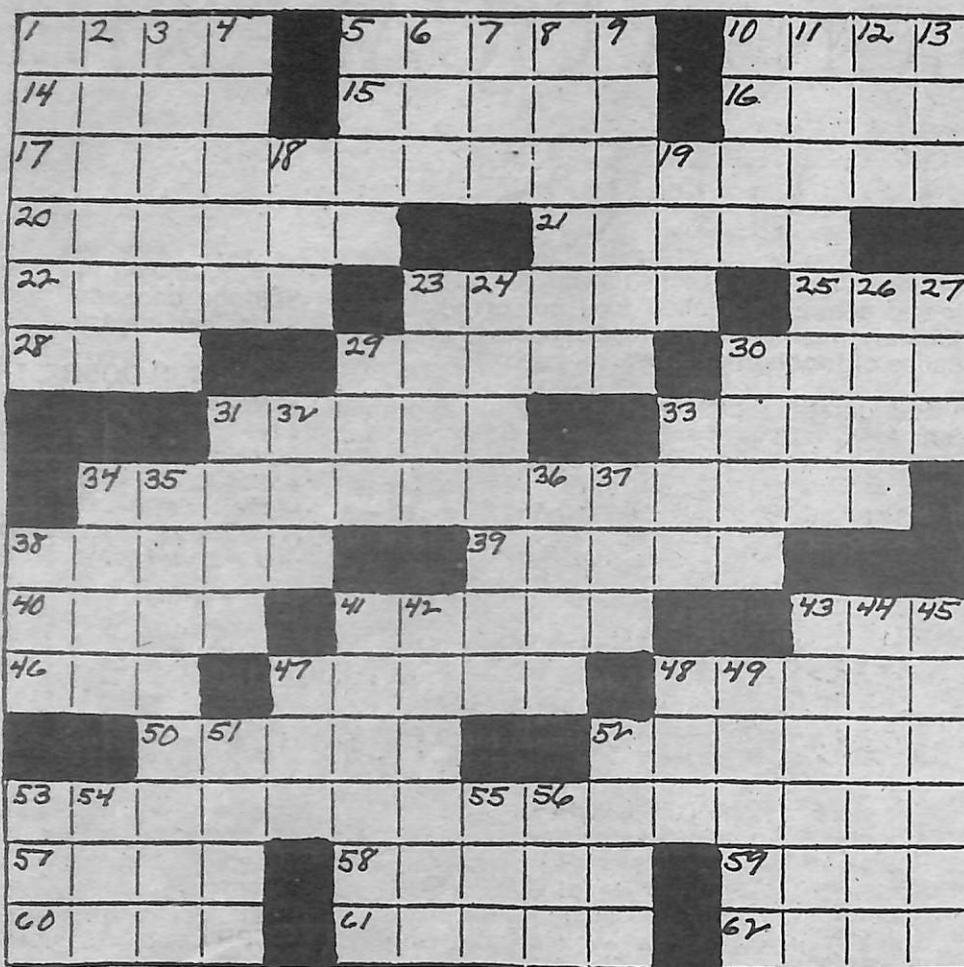
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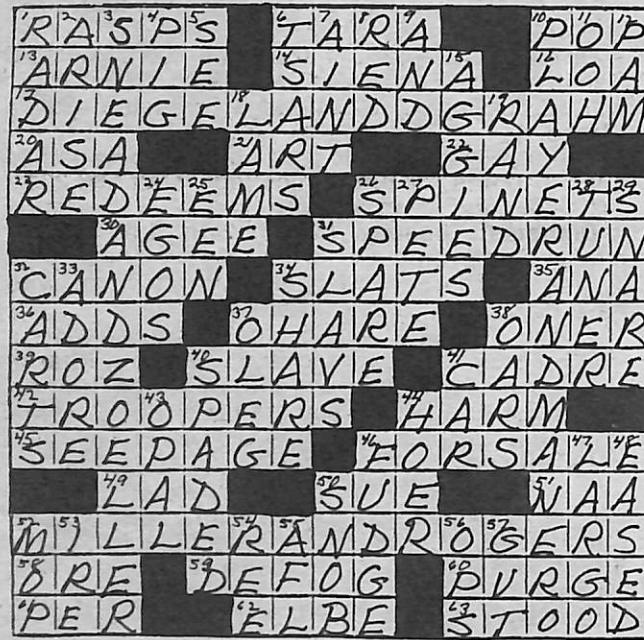
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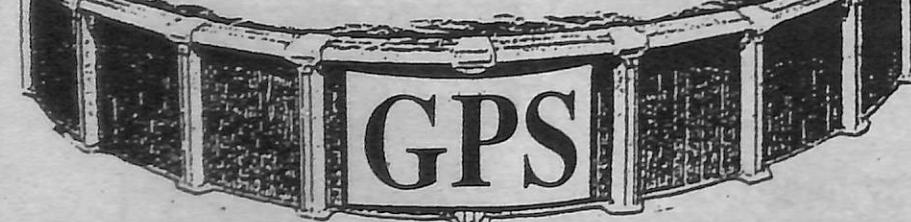
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She played with the marching, concert, and jazz bands at Agawam High School and participated in the Western Mass. and All-State bands. Ms. Bolduc graduated in 1986 and went on to attend and graduate from Berklee School of Music in Boston.

During her years at Berklee, Kelley became interested in reggae and calypso music. She started traveling to islands such as Barbados and Trinidad to perform during carnival season and learn the "island sound."

Kelley then formed the band "Hot Like Fire," which has been together now for 10 years. All those years of hard work and practice are evident in the band's first CD, which is scheduled for release next month.

The CD features two songs composed, written, and sung by Kelley. She plays trumpet as well as keyboard and back-up vocals on the other tracks. The CD also features Errol Strength from Jamaica on lead vocals.

Hot Like Fire specializes in bringing the hottest reggae and calypso dance music to the Boston area as well as here in Western Mass.

This Friday, July 30th, from 9:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., they will be performing at the Brass Rail in Southwick on Point Grove Rd. (across from Congamond Lake). Hot Like Fire will make any crowd get up and dance and are available for private parties as well as weddings.

For information on booking or about their CD, contact Kelley at (617) 236-8665 or e-mail at [Hotfire@Javonet.com](mailto:Hotfire@Javonet.com).

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## "Snoop Troop" Ends Run Of Performances At Red Door Theatre

The curtain has closed on "The Snoop Troop Agency," which played to sold-out houses. STAGE's Children's Theatre offers its third production of the season - a mystical fantasy story entitled "The Sword and The Crystal," which will run August 6th and 7th at 7:30 p.m. and August 7th and 8th at 2:00 p.m. at the Red Door Theatre, 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, MA.

"The Sword and The Crystal," written by Margie Secora, is the story of a divided kingdom whose fate lies in the hands of a brother and sister in the late 1200's. Set in medieval England, the play is resplendent with period costuming, broad sword combat, shaman magic, and Old English dialect. Containing both humor and suspense, this play is not recommended for very young children.

STAGE's fourth camp session casts 44 young people from Massachusetts and Connecticut as well as one from Michigan in roles such as kings, queens and knights, or shamans, ladies, and peasants.

Along with rehearsing their roles, the young actors will construct castle walls, make punched tin luminaries and candles, cook and consume medieval fare, sew costume pieces, and design posters and program covers.

To reserve tickets, call (413) 789-2026. All tickets are \$5. The Friday, August 6th performance is sold out.

## Music & Movie Night To Feature Stone Coyotes & Twister

Original rockers The Stone Coyotes will play Agawam this Saturday at Veterans' Green at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by a "drive-in" style movie presentation of *Twister*, rated PG-13.

The band has been receiving national acclaim as of late as they are the inspiration to Elmore Leonard's recent release of the national best-selling novel *Be Cool*.

The book is the follow-up to Leonard's *Get Shorty* and features several of the band's songs. The band's lead vocalist and guitarist, Barbara Keith, has opened for *The Doors* and *The Who*, and has sold songs to Barbara Streisand, Tanya Tucker, and Olivia Newton John, among others. Their web site, [www.stonecoyotes.com](http://www.stonecoyotes.com) provides more interesting information and sound clips.

The night's entertainment is sponsored by E.B.'s Chicken Restaurant and United Industrial Service and is held rain or shine. The performance is part of the Agawam Summer Entertainment Series and is funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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THE STONE COYOTES WILL BE PERFORMING rock and roll on the Veterans' Green on Saturday evening, July 31st.



THE SNOOP TROOP AGENCY, Derek (Nate deJongh of Agawam), Julie (Allie Markowski of Suffield), Trevor (Ryan Stelzer of Westfield), Crystal (Sara Miga of Suffield), Samantha (Ashley Hess of Texas), and Brad (Tim Brown of Springfield) plan their strategy in STAGE'S production of "Snoop Troop Agency" presented July 23-25 at the Red Door Theatre at Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills.



THE BLUE GRASS GROUP "Salamander Crossing" will be performing on the Agawam Veterans' Green in Agawam Center on Wednesday, August 4th.

## Salamander Crossing To Perform At Veterans' Green

The area's premiere bluegrass/folk group returns to Agawam on Wednesday, August 4th, at 7:00 p.m. after finishing up a national tour in support of their latest release, "Bottleneck Dreams."

According to Mike Grandfield of the Cultural Council, "Last year, the band was overwhelmed by the response they received in Agawam and quickly indicated a desire to return. Their show was certainly one of last season's highlights.

While technically a bluegrass band, the group plays a mixture of folk and contemporary original music. Over the past year, they have played at Lincoln Center in New York City as well as the summer concert series in Las Vegas, Nevada. In addition, they typically sell-out their performances at the Iron Horse Music Hall in Northampton.

The night's entertainment is sponsored by Westbank and is held rain or shine. The performance is part of the Agawam Summer Entertainment Series and is funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Contact 789-7393 or [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org) for more information.

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## Education

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# Environmental Students Adopt Critters At Forest Park

by Kathy Shepard  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

wildlife.

For the Annual Environmental Fair, Mrs. Bertone-Gross has also invited speakers from the career center at Springfield Technical Community College to discuss programs offered in environmental science. Another guest was a representative from Mass. SAVE, who showed ways of conserving power. She and the students run this event every year.

"In addition to putting on the Environmental Fair, three to five students have attended Earth Connections at the University of Massachusetts. They stay overnight, go to round table discussions where many environmental groups are represented, and describe their projects and methods of goal attainment," explains Mrs. Bertone-Gross.

Most people love animals, and there is an increasing awareness about environmental issues, so there is hope that the AHS Environmental Fair Project can actually be expanded. "I have been thinking about having an Environmental Fair for the whole town, probably during evening hours, so the entire community can be involved," she comments. If anyone is interested in becoming involved in this project, please call or write to Pat Bertone-Gross at AHS, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam.

Gifts sent to the Adopt An Animal Project cover specialized dietary, housing, and health care needs. It is a wonderful way to learn about the nature of many species and an opportunity to love and care for these creatures. Individuals and families, service or social clubs, schools and individual school classes, any business or corporation, sports teams, church or synagogue, or just anyone who loves animals can adopt.

A surprisingly enjoyable way to spend an after-

noon is to stroll through the Zoo In Forest Park and watch, pet, or feed the dozens of creatures living there. Many groups and individuals contribute to their upkeep by adopting them. According to Agawam resident Andrea Mokrzyki, director of Administrative and Human Resources at Forest Park, "It's wonderful that these younger people have gotten involved and care about the environment and the animals. It's refreshing.

"People can feed some of the animals, like our goats, sheep, one cow, several donkeys, and visitors can walk through Deer Meadow and have close contact with these creatures. Our Bear Necessities campaign to improve the environment for our North American Black Bears and their friends is aiming toward the building of a new addition that will accommodate the bears' need for space and provide a more natural setting for them," she continues, "so we welcome donations for this project as well as Adopt An Animal."

Membership to the Forest Park Zoological Society are inexpensive, make wonderful gifts for any occasion, and include unlimited visits for one full year, plus various other benefits according to the level of membership.

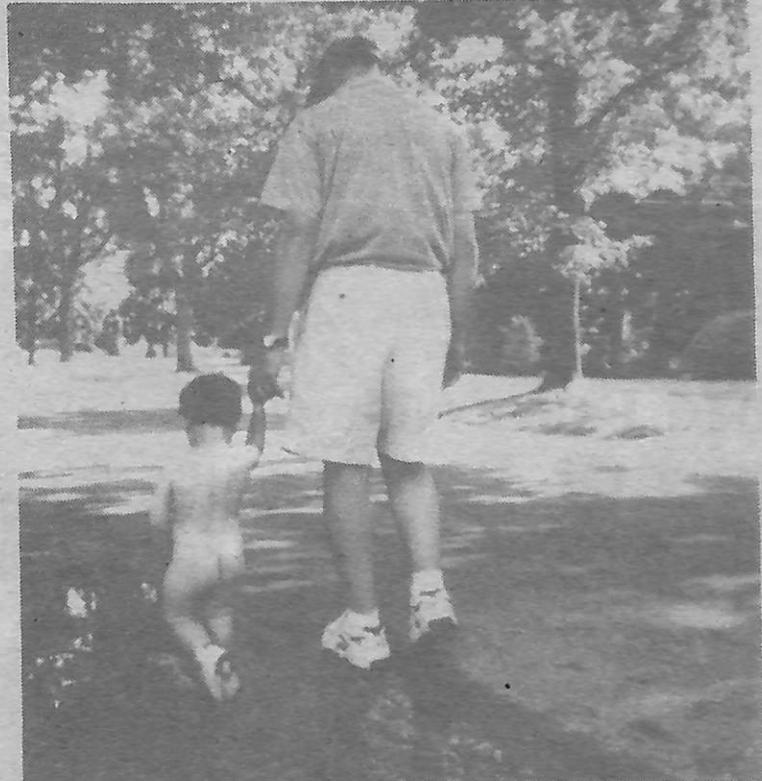
Each year, over 100,000 visitors visit the wildlife and foliage at The Zoo In Forest Park. There are over 50 species, many endangered or threatened. The work of AHS S.A.V.E. members and Mrs. Bertone-Gross, and groups like them, make it possible to maintain a sanctuary such as The Zoo In Forest Park.

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DAVID MARTIN OF AGAWAM

## David Martin Keeps Busy With Real World Problems At WPI

This summer, students at Worcester Polytechnic Institute are getting a shot at solving real-world problems for some major manufacturing companies. Far from an academic exercise, this program revolves around learning by doing real research projects in manufacturing engineering, according to program director Mustapha S. Fofana and co-director Joseph J. Rencis, WPI professors of mechanical engineering.

"All of these are specific projects being at the request of a company," said Fofana. "There is constant interaction between the student and the company, and that is what makes this experience so important to the participants."

David Martin of Agawam, a senior at WPI, is researching "Fixture Design Improvement for Engine Bland Disk" for Pratt & Whitney Co. The goal is to improve the design of a hydraulic nut in a fixture to reduce the net weight while maintaining strength and efficiency. The students will analyze the current design, looking for areas of improvement. Ultimately, a prototype design of the hydraulic nut and a fixture design proposal will be presented to the company.

Supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF) with a grant of \$44,956, WPI's Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) for Industrial Projects in Manufacturing Engineering is a 10-week summer program. REU offers outstanding undergraduate students the opportunity to pursue manufacturing engineering industrial projects while receiving a stipend, travel allowance, and living space. To continue the program, WPI has secured an NSF grant of \$46,577 and \$48,310 for the next two years.

"The WPI program is different from others that focus on academic rather than real-life problems important to industry," said Rencis.

## Robert Fuller Named Winner Of Academic Achievement Award

Robert Theodore Fuller of Agawam has been named the winner of an Academic Achievement Award from The College of Wooster.

Fuller, who will enter Wooster this fall, is a graduate of Agawam High School.

Founded in 1866, The College of Wooster is an independent liberal arts institution with a rich tradition of academic excellence. Wooster has an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 1,700 men and women and a student-faculty ratio of less than 12 to one.

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## End-Of-Year Program At Granger School



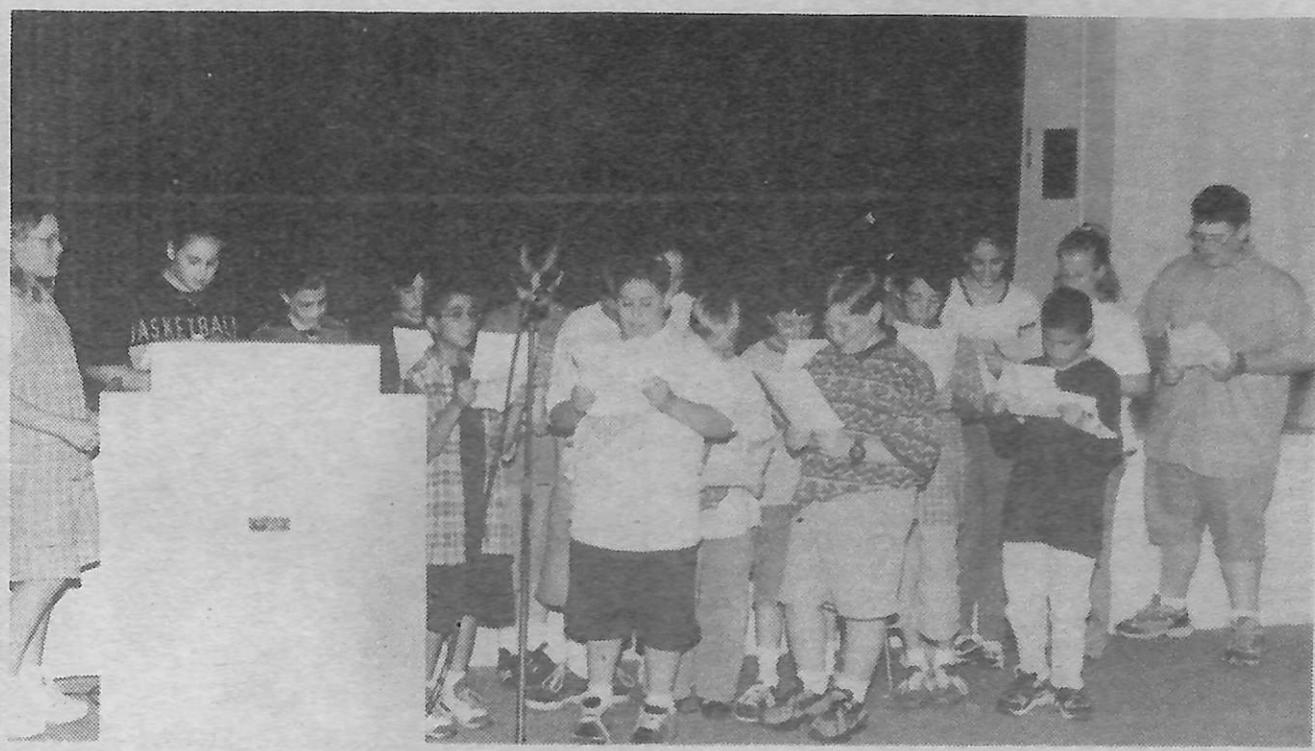
**GRANGER SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN** students of Leeann McKeever (third photo below), Patricia Kallfa, Jackie Toussaint (first photo), and Linda Morassi (Middle photo) put on an end-of-the-year program. The children sang songs and recited poetry about the many things they had learned during the year. The program concluded with each child receiving a diploma. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



## Middle School Students Honored By D.A.R.E.

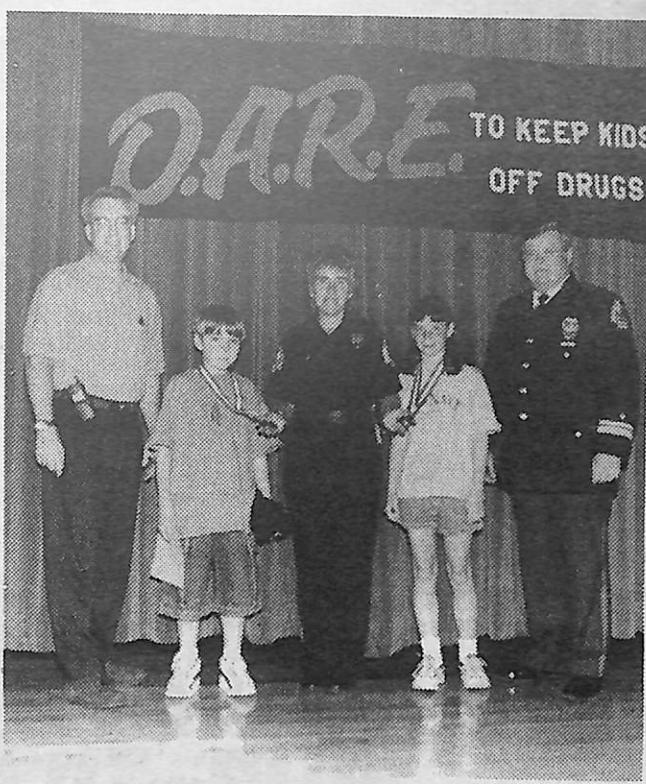


FOR THEIR EFFORTS and for participating in Project D.A.R.E. at the Agawam Middle School, the students were honored just before school ended last month. IN TOP PHOTO, from left- State Rep. Daniel F. Keenan, Matt Draghetti, Lindsay Pafumi, Joe Bushey, Officer Karen Langevin, and Sergeant Richard Curry. IN PHOTO BELOW, from left -Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Emil Nasti, Officer Karen Langevin, Erica Sullivan, and Police Chief Robert Campbell. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



AT PROJECT D.A.R.E. CEREMONIES at the Agawam Middle School on June 18th, students who participated in the program take the stage. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## AHS Class Of 2001 Visits Martha's Vineyard



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2001 took a class trip to Martha's Vineyard on June 19th. The students had a fun day touring the island, shopping, eating, and spending time on the beach.

## High School To Hold Registration For New Students

Agawam High School guidance counselor Mrs. Jane Williams will be at the High School during the first week of August (2nd-6th) from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Williams will be available to register new High School students for the 1999-2000 school year.

If you are new to Agawam, please register your son or daughter during this week, if possible.

The High School will need a copy of last year's report card, transfer paper from a previous school, and if available, up-to-date medical records.

If you are a current student, please call the guidance department at 821-0511 before seeing Mrs. Williams about your next year's schedule since the schedules may not be available at that time.

The other counselors will return on August 25th.

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For copies of his photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at 789-0053...

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## Maloni, Flood Get Top Honors As "McScholars"

Agawam High School seniors Jason Flood and Barbara Maloni were recently honored for their achievements at the McDonald's McScholar Athlete reception on Thursday, June 10th at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield.

More than 20 of Massachusetts' top high school students were honored at the McScholar Athlete reception. Teachers, parents, and school administrators from high schools all over Western Massachusetts joined representatives from McDonald's to recognize the accomplishments of these talented students.

Scott Cohen, sports director of WGGB-TV 40, emceed the event and Don E.N. Gibson, Basketball Hall of Fame Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, gave the keynote address. Jorge Gomez from McDonald's spoke to the students about hard work, dedication, and the importance of continuing their education.

The third annual McScholar Athlete reception showcases local scholar/athletes and is an example of McDonald's ongoing commitment to education. The McScholar Award is just one of the many ways local McDonald's Owner/Operators give more back to the communities where they do business.



1999 AGAWAM HIGH GRADS Barbara Maloni and Jason Flood were named "McDonald's McScholars" recently at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield. Barbara is pictured with Scott Cohen, sports director of WGGB-40 (right) and Jorge Gomez, a local McDonald's owner/operator.



# Sports

## Agawam Koufax Team Takes State Title; Heading For Regionals

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

It has indeed been a good year for Agawam baseball on many levels. The 11-12 Agawam Little League All-Stars made it to the district semifinals. The 9-10 Agawam Little Leaguers are still in the tournament. And, of course, Agawam is the Western Mass. baseball champion. Adding to that list is the Agawam Sandy Koufax U14 team, which happens to be the state champions.

It was an interesting and exciting path to the title, according to Coach Brian Rheault. "First, we represented Agawam in the John L. Sullivan League, where we came in first with a 12-6 record. Then we won the John L. Sullivan tournament with a record of 4-0. Next up was the Sandy Koufax League Tournament, different from the Sullivan for some reason, where we won five straight games to become the state champions."

In the Koufax tournament, they beat Longmeadow, 8-0, Wilshire (from Springfield), 8-0, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, 12-4, and the Astros (also from Springfield) twice, 6-4 and 12-3, for the crown.

"That 6-4 win was the toughest of the tournament for us. They are a Hispanic team and have a lot of kids who were excellent with the glove," Coach Rheault smiled, then added, "Before the final game, they all gathered around and gave us a big, rousing cheer, in Spanish. After the game, we did the same thing in Spanish for them. They loved it."

### Best Hitting Team In The Tournament

Throughout the playoffs, Rheault noted that every aspect of their game came together. "We were the best hitting team in the tournament. We scored more runs than anyone else. Our pitching (spearheaded by Mike Lavato, Mike Carmody, and Justin Perry) has been superb. They've been well-rested and prepared for every game. We've had excellent and timely base-running and our catching and defense are second to none."

All of the above seems to bode well for the next step. On Thursday, July 29th, they are off to the Northeast Regional tournament, which begins Friday, July 30th in Washington Township, New Jersey. They'll put their nine-game tournament win streak on the line in the double elimination format, which runs from Friday to Sunday, August 1st. Ten teams in two five-team divisions will compete. They'll play a single game on Friday, a double-header on Saturday, with the championship and consolation games on Sunday.

"We'll be severely tested down there. Some of those teams have outstanding pitchers. But, I think we still have our best games in front of us," Rheault noted.

Washington Township is roughly a four-and-a-half hour bus ride from Agawam. They already have their accommodations reserved at a Sheraton down there. Plus, they'll have plenty of home fan support, according to Rheault. "We are going to have not only families of the kids, but local fans going down by car, as well. Their cheers will be welcome."

Should they win in New Jersey, the Nationals will be the next stop, also to be played in the Garden State.

The team is sponsored by Riverside Park.

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM U14 Sandy Koufax team were crowned state champions last weekend. Standing, from left - Coach Peter Clark, Sean Burke, Ryan Lottermoser, Mike Carmody, Coach Paul Federico, Joe Clark, Dave Bienia, Mike Lavato, and Coach Brian Rheault. Kneeling - Coach Pete Donah, Mike McGeoghan, Vin Moretti, Mike Dombrowski, Casey Federico, Neil Donah, Matt Rheault, Justin Perry, and Coach Jeff Carmody.

## Signs-Ups For Agawam High Girls' Volleyball Set For Monday, August 23rd At Gym

Sign-ups for the 1999 Agawam High School girls' volleyball team will be held on August 23rd at the Agawam High School gymnasium at 9:00 a.m. Athletes should wear shorts and T-shirts to practice in, along with good supporting sneakers and knee pads.

Fall sports physicals for girls' volleyball will be held shortly after sign-ups and a short practice at

11:30 a.m. at the High School by school physician Dr. Gagnon. Make-up physicals for girls will be on August 27th at 8:00 a.m. promptly.

Coach Demers states that those trying out will not be allowed to practice until you either have the physical done that day or bring in a form from your own doctor.

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# Brownie Boys On Big-Time Roll In Summer Soccer

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

If play in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League is any indication, then this fall, the Agawam High boys' varsity soccer team should be in very good shape. At this writing, they sport a 10-1-1 record. Their latest triumph, a 6-1 cakewalk, came Tuesday evening, July 27th, at the Agawam Middle School against Easthampton.

There was one score in the first half as Easthampton made a game of it for a while. Mike Thomas drove the ball home with six minutes gone. Then Agawam, led by Jim Evans, Aaron Gilbert, Brad Theriaque, and Mike Crough, played some heads-up defense to keep it at 1-0, Agawam, when intermission rolled around.

## Easthampton Ties Things In The Second

Easthampton tied things up at one 7:40 into the second half. To that point, Agawam seemed slightly sluggish (maybe it was the heat). But, they started to heat up themselves in an excellent second half behind some spirited play by Barry Ward. The soon-to-be-senior got things going with two strong rushes on the Easthampton net.

On his first attempt, with nine minutes gone, he drove the left wing and launched from 20 feet out. The ball, in if it was on, just sailed over the crossbar. Thirty seconds later, he tried to finish off another Agawam drive and missed a foot left of the open Easthampton net. Ward's efforts pumped up his teammates. Jack Pearson, off an assist from Gilbert, banged it home at the 10:12 mark, giving the home team a 2-1 lead.

Ward then assisted on the third Agawam score. It was another full-blown rush and he fed Josh Dickman in front of the net to raise the Agawam lead to 3-1.

Now, Easthampton was beginning to play less than kosher soccer. They started to grab jerseys and trip up people. Those tactics earned a penalty kick for Pearson, who was leveled in front of the visitors' goal. He missed two feet left. But, the corner was open.

## Melee In Front

Ward scored at the 16:15 mark out of a melee in front of the Easthampton goal. The assist went to Brian Lopes. Agawam was now up, 4-1, and Easthampton went back to their WWF style of defense. This time they picked on Ward and he was awarded a penalty kick. Ward calmly pounded the ball into the right corner of the net for his second goal of the game and a 5-1 lead.

With time running out, the Easthampton defense almost undressed Gilbert, who was rushing in on the right wing. The result, another penalty kick. Coach Eddie Santaniello, who is a talented coach with tons of enthusiasm, sent his keeper, John DeCaro, to the hole for the kick. DeCaro made it, for a 6-1 Agawam lead that stayed until the final whistle.

At this writing, they have one more game to play, on the road, on Thursday, July 29th. A win means they will get home field advantage in the upcoming playoffs.



COACH EDDIE SANTANIELLO (right) and members of the Agawam Brownies Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer team (High School Division) are riding high during this hot summer with a record of 10-1-1. The team is heading for the playoffs next week. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.



SUMMER COACH EDDIE SANTANIELLO encourages his troops during Tuesday night's (July 27th) 6-1 victory over Easthampton at the Agawam Middle School. The team is 10-1-1 at presstime. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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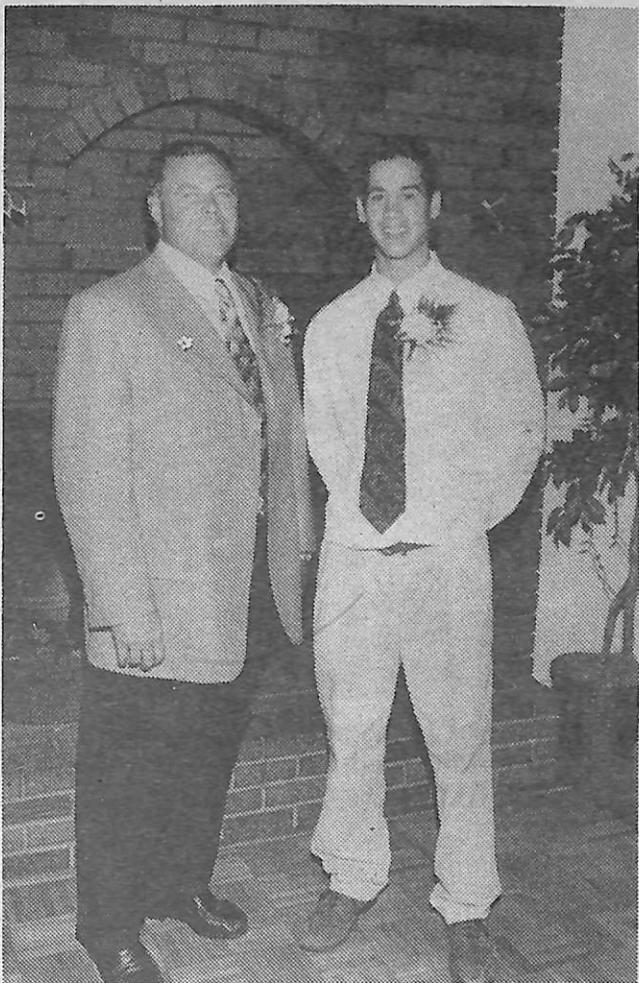
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## Brownie Baseball Celebrates Huge '99 Season



AGAWAM HIGH VARSITY BASEBALL COACH Peter Clark is pictured at the team's Annual Banquet with team Captain David Federico. The Brownies were the Division I WMass champs this past spring. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

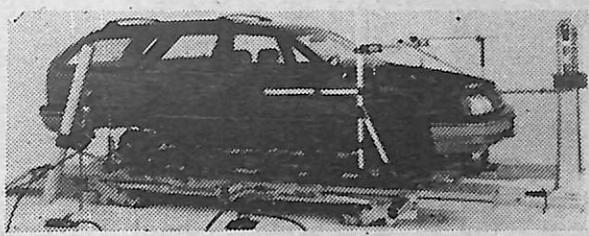
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THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS' baseball team, Division I Western Mass. champions, had plenty to celebrate at the Annual Banquet held at Ferruccio's Banquet House on Main Street. Pictured above were the graduating seniors, from left - Ryan Drobot, Erik Bodurtha, Chris Wayte, David Federico, Kevin Mattson, and Mike Carney. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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# Mid-Summer's Dream Ends For Little League All-Stars Vs. Amherst

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam Little League All-Stars' dreams of further playoff glory came to a screeching halt last week as they absorbed a 4-1 loss to visiting Amherst at the Little League Field on South Street. It was a consolation round game, so the setback meant the Agawam kids were sent home.

This was one of those "ifs and buts" type of game. If this or that had gone right (but for some good chances, gone bad), Agawam might have advanced to the championship game against Easthampton (won by Easthampton, by the way, 4-0, over Amherst). Anyway, back to the story. If ifs and buts were candy and nuts, it would be a great Christmas.

Agawam had Ryan McLane on the mound. Ryan, according to Coach Ralph Myers, was one of the prime reasons the team had gone so deep into the playoffs in the first place.

In the second inning, Amherst scored first. The run came by way of a towering roundtripper to left-field off the bat of Bjorn Muten.

Agawam got it back in the bottom of the inning when Jordan Buiso drew a leadoff walk, was sacrificed to second on a nifty bunt courtesy of McLane, and then traveled to third on a passed ball. A solid double to left by Tony DeCosmo sent Buiso home to tie it at one.

Amherst broke out for three runs in the third on two walks, a double, and a single to make it 4-1.

#### Some Prime Chances

That would be the scoring for the game. But Agawam had some prime chances over the next three innings. With runners at the corners and one out in the bottom of the third, they were threatening. However, a double play kicked the skids out from under any Agawam scoring hopes there.

The fourth saw them conjure up another chance. Buiso and McLane drew consecutive walks. DeCosmo and Teresa Bonavita struck out. Scott Gates pulled a sharp single to left, which looked to have at least one run written on it. Buiso, who has speed, rounded third and pumped for the dish. Amherst leftfielder, Darden Pitts scooped up the ball and with the play in front of her, pegged it home. The strong throw sailed over the catcher's head, bounced off the backstop, and back to him. He flipped it to the pitcher, Matt Petrides, covering the plate and Buiso was out by a step.

Bad breaks and Amherst's Pitts would surface again with Agawam threatening in the fifth. Two walks saw Andrew King on third and Andrew Wakelee standing on second with one out. Kevin Bienia lofted a high flyball to deep left. Pitts was there to snag it. King tagged and broke for the plate. This time, the range was just right for Pitts' arm and King was nailed at home by Amherst catcher Bob Hazelett.

Zacj Lappone had come in for McLane in the top of the fifth and went the rest of the way. But in the end, Amherst just had too much defense at the right time.

**AMHERST STATS:** Lappone - 1-2 (2b); King - 0-0; Wakelee - 0-1; Bienia - 0-3; Buiso - 0-1, 1 RS; McLane - 1-1, (2b); Malloch - 0-2; DeCosmo - 1-2 (2b), 1 RBI; Walsh - 0-1; Powers - 0-1; Petrelango - 0-1; Bonavita - 0-1; Gates - 1-1.

**PITCHING:** McLane - 4 2/3 IP; 4 H; 4 R; 4 ER; 3 SO; 6 BB; 5.15 ERA; Lappone - 1 1/3 IP; 1 H; 0 R; 0 ER; 1 SO; 0 BB; 0.00 ERA.

**AMHERST:** 4 R; 5 H; 0 E; 6 LOB; **AGAWAM:** 1 R; 4 H; 0 E; 6 LOB.



**RYAN WALSH** was one of the many reasons the Agawam Little League All-Stars advanced so deep into the district tournament this summer. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

## St. Mary's School's Golf Classic Slated For September 22nd

St. Mary's School's 10th Annual Golf Classic will take place on Wednesday, September 22nd, at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.

The \$90 entry fee includes greens fees, golf cart, lunch on the course, use of locker and shower facilities, a prime rib dinner, and prizes.

The prizes include a car donated by Sarat Ford of Agawam; a spa from Jelly Belly Pools & Spas; our famous "closest to the pin" contest for a pair of round-trip airline tickets from Erin World Travel.

To register, please call the school's Development Office at 568-1160 before September 17th. (Shaker Farms Country Club REQUIRES the use of soft spikes.)

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COACHES AND TEAM MEMBERS of the Agawam Little League All-Stars lost to a team from Amherst, 4-1 to end their run in the district tournament. The team had plenty to be proud of this summer and enjoyed some outstanding victories leading up to the loss to Amherst. Ralph Myers was the team's head coach. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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# British Soccer Camp Increases In Popularity For Soccer Association

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Soccer continues to grow in popularity and that trend is evident in the increasing quality of soccer clinics around the area. One of the best wrapped up last Friday, July 23rd, in Agawam.

The week-long affair was coordinated by local soccer buff Mike Fournier. "This is the second year for the camp. And it has been very successful," he said.

Perhaps one of the reasons is the fact that rather than local soccer coaches providing instruction, as has been the case in the past, this one provides a different kind of leadership. "A company is involved. It's a worldwide group. They sent us some literature on what they do in the way of soccer clinics; who they provide, how much it will cost, the credentials of their instructors. It sounded good, so we agreed to have them come and teach our kids the game," Fournier said.

The instructors were from England and Scotland. They were there to teach and mold the finer points of the European game of "football" into the American version of soccer. "The people we had are top club players from Britain or coaches on the staffs of European pro teams. Through experience, they know what doesn't work - things like our line drills and things that will bring one's game to the next level. They believe every kid should have a ball at their feet as much as possible," Fournier noted.

One of the instructors, Paul Fawbert, who resides in London and has played soccer in the European leagues all his life, explained, "There are things about the game that are not inbred here, as opposed to Europe. These kids need a lot of offensive ball work. And while their techniques are coming along, they are behind other countries when it comes to strategy. We try to teach them the total game and make learning it fun."

While a week isn't a long time to teach the overall skills for the kids to build on, it seems to work for many of the campers. Cathy Koulgeorge of Agawam, who had two sons at the camp, Alex (eight) and D.J. (six), agrees, "They attended last

year as well as this year. Both of them learn more here than they do in an entire soccer season," she said, then added, "Also, the ratio of instructors to students is very good. The kids have fun and even on the hottest days during the week, they didn't complain."

#### Attended By About 100 Kids

Roughly 100 kids attended the camp, which costs \$89 for a 3 1/2-hour morning session and \$137 for a full, six-hour, all-day session. The age groups ranged from the 5-6 year-old mini-kickers, to the 7-8, 9-10-11, 11-12, and 13-14-15 year-old kids.

There was an even mix of both boys and girls. The fact that there were so many girls probably had something to do with the recent success of the United States Women's National Team. The instructors were impressed.

Debby McCulloch, a member of the Scottish U16 girls' National Team, admitted that for most women in Europe, soccer is not their top priority. "Girls, because of other interests, don't take up the game the way the guys do. So, it's nice to come here and see many girls with an interest in the game."

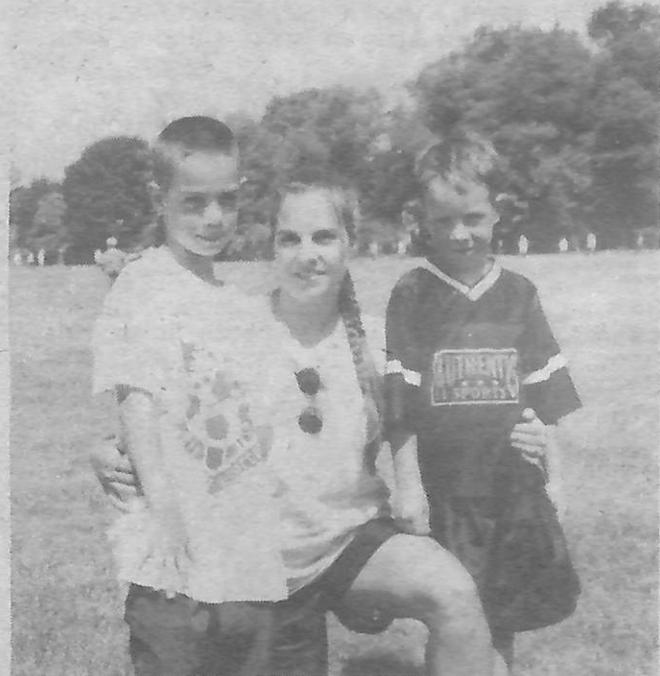
Fournier added, "What we wanted was to get the kids to play what they call in Europe 'total football' or the Dutch Method. That means when your team has the ball, everyone goes on offense. When the other team has it, everyone becomes a defensive player. And everyone has to know every position on the field."

Skills such as shielding the ball, dribbling rather than running with it, and communication were stressed. And because of the extremely hot weather, steps were taken (plenty of water breaks, plus a nice spray from a garden hose on the players) to make sure no one had problems with the heat.

On the final day, many of the parents showed up for an impromptu game against the campers. Then closing ceremonies were held and the instructors handed out evaluations on the kids and various awards to the campers.



DEBBI MCCULLOCH is a member of the U16 girls' national team from Scotland and Neil Short from England were two members of the coaching staff at the British Soccer Camp at Phelps School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PARENT CATHY KOULGEORGE was delighted with the British Soccer Camp run at Phelps School last week. She is pictured with her two sons, Alex (left) and D.J. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

## Keenan's Office Has River Guide For Users Of Westfield River

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to share with his constituents a user's guide to the Westfield River. Anyone interested in obtaining a *Westfield River User's Guide* should contact Rep. Keenan's office at (413) 786-4545.

The guide contains a map of the area, and a list of recreational activities such as cultural events, museums, public parks, and historic and scenic

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# Racing At Riverside...

Win On Double Points Night..

## Eddy Spiers Secures Modified Points Lead At Riverside Speedway

In his quest to become Riverside Park Speedway's final modified champion, Beacon Falls, Connecticut driver Eddy Spiers took a big step on Saturday night with his first win of the season on double points night. The win propelled Spiers into a 26-point lead over Ricky Miller with five races remaining for the \$10,000 NAPA modified championship.

Other feature winners were Tom Fearn of Agawam in the Teddy Bear Pools Pro Stocks, EJ Legacy of Agawam in the Teddy Bear Pools Trucks, George Colton of Somers, Connecticut in the Sportsman, Mark LaJoie of Norwalk, Connecticut in the Super Stocks, and John Dobosz of Windsor Locks, Connecticut in the Figure 8's.

From his 10th starting position in the 51-lap modified main, Spiers surpassed Brad Hietala to earn a lead he would never relinquish. Spiers later had to survive a restart with three laps remaining before taking down the extra-points win. Hietala was second, followed by Bob Polverari, Miller, and NASCAR Featherlite Modified Series standout Ed Flemke, Jr. in fifth place.

In the 40-lap Pro Stock event, Fearn needed some smooth driving to hold off Todd Owen and Eddy Carroll. After a caution on lap 18, Fearn, Owen, and Carroll raced in tight formation in the front of the pack. The trio continued to race side-by-side over the remaining laps before Fearn grabbed the checkered flag. It was Fearn's third win of the season.

Carroll's second-place performance earned him the points lead over Rich Vasseur, who had topped the standings for most of the 1999 season. Owen settled for third place in the feature, followed by Jeff Connors and Jim Banfield.

The Teddy Bear Pools Trucks feature quickly became a mirror image of July 17th's event, as Legacy and Rob Valerio were locked in a heated fight for the finish. On the 17th, Valerio edged Legacy at the line by mere inches for his second win of the year. On Saturday, Legacy slipped ahead for the win in another photo finish. Kris Valerio finished third behind brother Rob, followed by Skip Breunig and Ernie Tarca.

The Sportsman division welcomed George Colton to Victory Lane for the second time this season, after a hard fought race with Danbury, Connecticut's Doug Goetz. Glen Reilly came home third, followed by Dennis Brilla and Tony Keily in fifth place.

Mark LaJoie, who welcomed a new baby to his family two days before Saturday's race, celebrated the joyous occasion by charging past Keith DeSanctis for the Super Stock win. John Provencher was third, followed by Bill Reiman and Carl Holmgren, Jr.

The Figure 8's provided another thrilling finish to Riverside Park Speedway's eventful night, as several cars exchanged the lead while criss-crossing through the daredevil Figure 8 track. Dobosz, the husband of 1998 Figure 8 champion Betty Anne Dobosz, charged ahead of Erik Comstock late in the 20-lap event to take down his second win of the year. John Albert, Leon Goulet, and Herb Favreau rounded out the top five for the Figure 8's.

Next up at the historic 1/4-mile NASCAR Winston Racing Series track is more modified, pro stock, and truck action on Saturday, July 31st. Also in action will be the Sportsman, Super Stocks, and Legends. Racing begins at 6:00 p.m.

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Crowning Of Champions On The Horizon...

## Countdown Is On For Racers At Riverside Speedway

As the crowning of Riverside Park Speedway's next and final track champions approaches, so too, does the end of an era in New England. NASCAR Winston Racing Series points will close on Saturday, September 11th, and the final racing event at Riverside Park will take place just five weeks later.

Riverside Park officials recently confirmed that 1999 will be the final season of racing at the 51 year-old, quarter-mile track. The season finale originally scheduled for October 30th-31st has been moved up two weeks, and another day added. Riverside Park Speedway's final weekend of racing will include three days of feature races, from Friday, October 15th through Sunday, October 17th. The total purse for all three days' events will exceed \$70,000.

"We've brought in almost every division that has raced here on a regular basis in recent years," stated Director of Auto Racing David Deery. "We can only hope that the action provides a fun and fitting tribute to the great history of this speedway."

The three-day event will begin with qualifying and feature races for the Legends, Mini Stocks, Di-Hard Trucks, Pro 4, Modifieds, Figure 8's, Spectacular Drags, and the Jimmy Fund Police Division on Friday, October 15th.

On Saturday, October 16th, the SK Modifieds will headline a program that also includes Outlaw Late Models, Outlaw Pro Stocks, Super Stocks, and three-quarter midgets. The third day will feature the last race for the "tour-type" NASCAR modifieds, a feature division at Riverside Park Speedway since the early 1950's. The last modified race is tentatively set for 100 laps. Also in action on October 17th will be Pro Stocks, Trucks, Sportsman, and the New England Antique Racers (NEAR).

Riverside Park Speedway will offer a prelude to the final weekend's action with a fan and competitor party on Wednesday evening, October 13th. Competitors and ticket holders for the event will be invited to attend an outdoor party on the infield of the track, to enjoy the atmosphere before

action gets underway.

On Thursday, October 14th, all divisions are invited to practice for the weekend's events. Deery mentioned that ticket packages will be available for all three days, and complete details and prices will be announced.

The Enduro event originally scheduled for October 17th has been combined with Riverside Park's final "Thrills and Spills" event on Sunday, October 3rd. This event will include Riverside Park's famous \$5,000 full-size enduro, along with a \$2,500, 4-cylinder Enduro, a \$1,000 Demolition Derby, Super Stocks, Mini Stocks, Di-Hard Trucks, and the Jimmy Fund Police division. Due to popular demand, a special appearance by the world famous "Benny the Bomber" has been added on October 3rd.

Prior to October's events, Riverside Park Speedway will host the Featherlite Modified Series, a NASCAR Touring division, for the final time on Saturday, September 4th. The distance for September 4th's race will be 200 laps. Two other touring series appearing at Riverside Park for one final event are the Professional Racing Organization (PRO) Tour Trucks on Saturday, August 7th and the International Super Modified Association (ISMA) super modifieds on Saturday, August 21st.

Riverside Park Speedway also announced its championship awards banquet will be held on Sunday, October 31st. For more information, call (413) 786-9300 or visit [www.riversideparkspeedway.com](http://www.riversideparkspeedway.com) on the world wide web.

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### More Upcoming Events:

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## AHS Athletic Dept. Lists Important Dates For Fall Sports

All potential student-athletes of Agawam High School **MUST** have a signed M.I.A.A. Physical Examination Form to be eligible to try out for any of the fall teams.

A student-athlete may have his/her physical examination completed by his/her own doctor or they may have their physical examination done at the High School on the following dates:

**MONDAY, AUGUST 23rd:** 8:30 a.m., varsity and junior varsity football; 9:30 a.m., varsity and junior varsity boys' soccer; 10:00 a.m., boys' cross country; 10:15 a.m., golf; 10:30 a.m., varsity and junior varsity girls' soccer; 11:00 a.m., varsity and junior varsity field hockey; 11:30 a.m., girls' volleyball.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25th:** 8:30 a.m., freshmen football; 9:00 a.m., freshmen boys' soccer; 9:30 a.m., freshmen girls' soccer; 9:45 a.m., freshmen field hockey; 10:00 a.m., gymnastics; 10:15 a.m., girls' cross country.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 27th:** 8:00 a.m., make-up physicals for boys; 8:30 a.m., make-up physicals for girls.

**PRACTICE SCHEDULES:** August 23rd: **FOOTBALL ONLY** (8:00 a.m.); August 26th: **ALL Teams** (8:00 a.m.)

**OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:** September 2nd: Back to Sport Night, 7:00 p.m.; September 7th: Media Day (2:15 p.m.); September 8th, "Let the Games Begin"; October 2nd: 5th Annual Berkshire Power Golf Tournament to benefit the Agawam High School Athletic Dept., 8:00 a.m. \*\*\*

If you are in need of an M.I.A.A. Physical Examination Form, they are available in both the Main Office and the Athletic Director's Office of Agawam High School. Summer hours are from 8:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m. (offices are closed from 12:00-1:00 p.m. for lunch).

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**Profile - Ryan Drobot...**

## Versatile Ryan Drobot Proves To Be Valuable Member Of AHS Baseball

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Ryan Drobot was a two-sport standout at Agawam High School. Recently, the 1999 graduate took some time to talk about his career as a Brownie.

Ryan is 18. His birthday is August 17th. He stands at 5'11 tall and weighs in at 165 pounds. He spent all four years of his secondary education at AHS. In his final semester, his courses included physics, advanced math, English 12, sociology, and gym. Physics was his favorite course. Richard Joseph was his top teacher.

Ryan will attend Western New England College in the fall. He says general business will be his major. He's not sure right now whether he'll participate in athletics. "I'm going to take my freshman year to see how things go before doing something like that," he said.

Baseball and football were his two sports at Agawam High. He played one year of varsity competition (second base/outfield) and two years on the football varsity (defensive back/receiver). According to Ryan, football was his favorite.

His most memorable sports moment was being part of this year's 1999 Western Mass. Division I baseball champions. His take on the season: "It was a nice way to end my high school career. We had a good team and in the end it all came together."

As far as food goes, Ryan noted that he likes just about everything.

Green is his favorite color.

His choice in wheels: "I'd like to own a 1999 Mustang Saleen." He explained that a Saleen is the top of the line Mustang (above the Cobra).

Ed Balfour, the hockey goalie for the Stanley Cup champion Dallas Stars, is his top jock.

He said he'll hang out "anywhere" in order to relax.

He gravitates towards casual clothes and buys them at Aeropostle and American Eagle, both at the Holyoke Mall.

Ryan enjoys both rap and rhythm & blues. The rhythm & blues band Black Street is his top group.

"Sportscenter" is tops for him on the tube. "The Warriors" is his big screen favorite.

Maryanne is his mom. Stan is his dad. He has an older sister, Holly (22), who also graduated from Agawam High School.

He looks up to his mom. "She's been through a lot and stayed strong," he said.



**RYAN DROBOT** was called a steady and versatile player by AHS baseball Coach Peter Clark.

He would like to be remembered at AHS as simply "a funny kid."

Baseball Coach Peter Clark's comments on this week's feature AHS student: "Ryan was a steady player for us who was capable of playing more than one position. His senior leadership was also welcome on the team."

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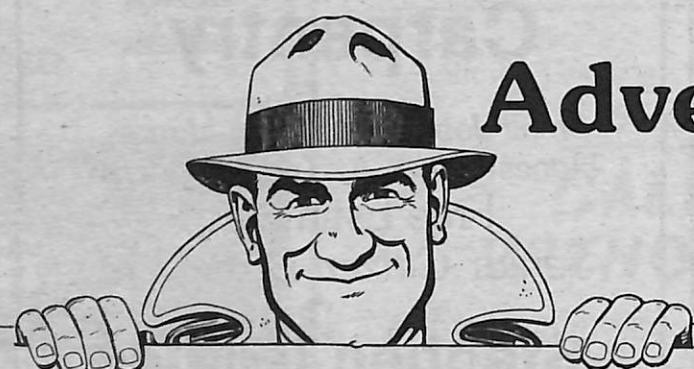
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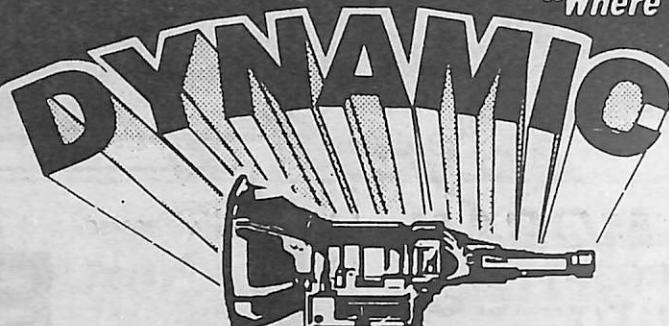


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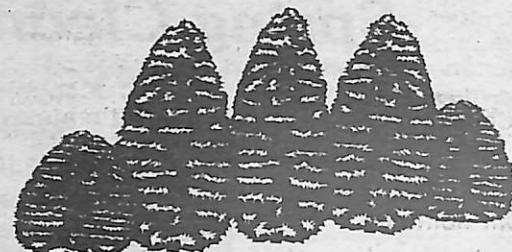
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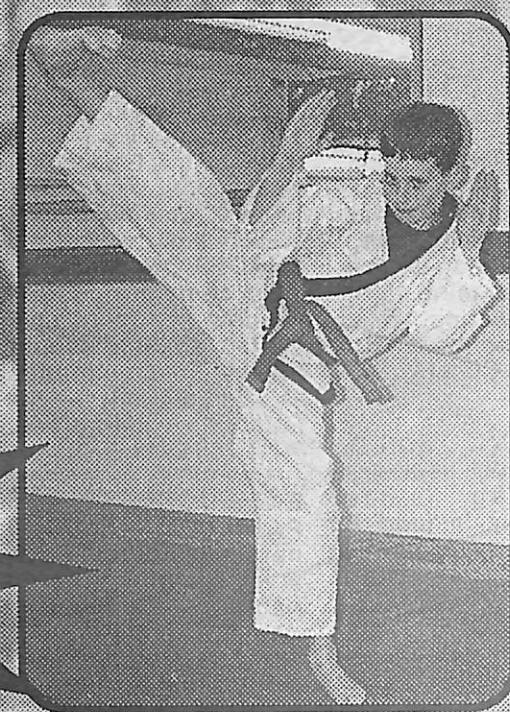
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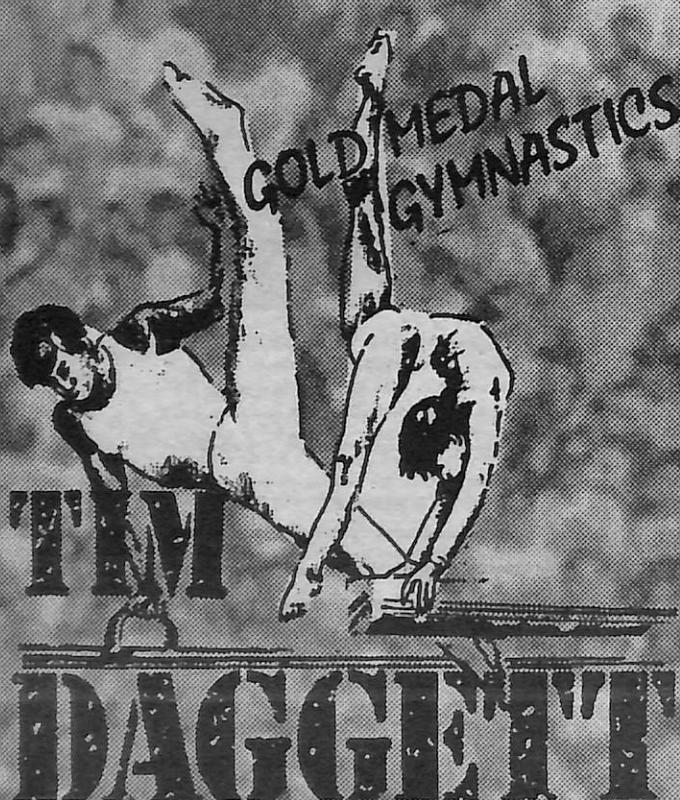
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